

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

(Suggested for children 3 - 5 years old)

24<sup>th</sup>. Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel... Be Forgiving

Matthew 18: 23-35

One day Jesus told this story:

"There was once a king who had many servants. One servant owed the king a great deal of money, but he had nothing to pay him with. 'I will sell you and your family as slaves, and use the money to pay for your debts,' said the King.

"The servant fell to his knees and begged for another chance, 'Somehow I will repay everything I owe,' he pleaded. The King was a kind and generous man and, taking pity on the servant, cancelled his debts and let him go.

"Later that day, the servant met another man who owed him a small amount of money. When he could not pay what he owed, the servant had him thrown into jail.

"When the news reached the king, he sent for the unforgiving servant. 'Could you not forgive someone just as I forgave you?' he asked. Then he had the servant thrown into prison until he could pay back all that he owed the king."

Jesus said, "Just as my father forgives you, so you must be ready to forgive others with all your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord...

Prayer:

*Jesus taught us a prayer*

*that mentions how we must forgive others*

*when we ask forgiveness ourselves.*

*Listen closely as we say the words that speak of forgiveness:*

*Our Father...*