

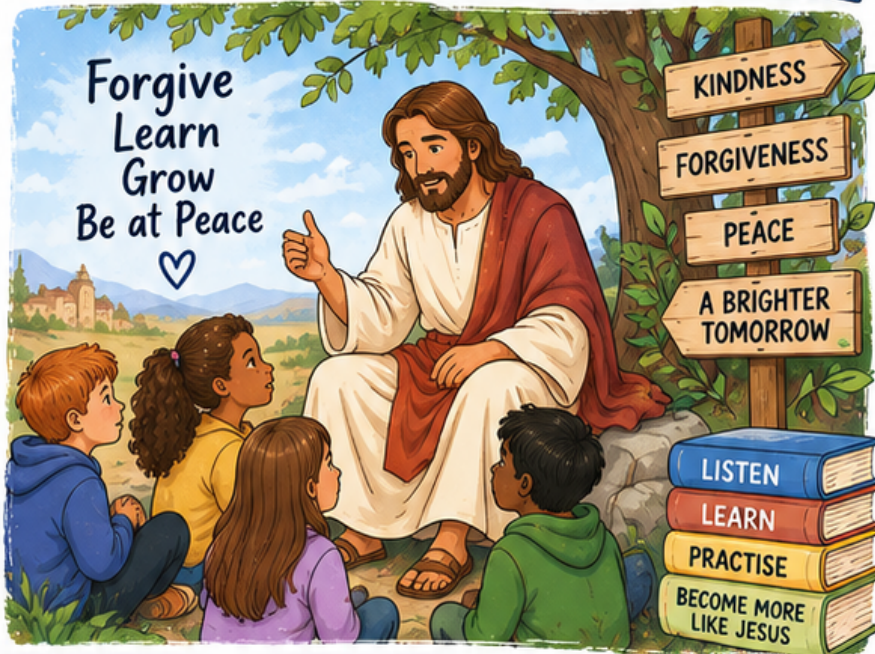
THE GOSPEL

“Peter came to Jesus and asked,
“Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother
or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”
Jesus answered, “Not seven times, but seventy-seven
times.”

Then Jesus told the parable of the unforgiving servant.
A king forgave a servant a huge debt. But when that servant
found someone who owed him a little money, he would not
forgive him. When the king heard about this, he was very
angry. He called the servant back and said, “You wicked
servant! I forgave you that huge debt because you begged
me to. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant,
just as I had mercy on you?” And the king gave him the
punishment he deserved.

“In the same way, my heavenly Father will treat each
of you unless you forgive your brother or sister
from your heart.”

Matthew 18:21-35



THE KEY MESSAGE

Jesus teaches us that **forgiveness**
has no limit. Just as God forgives us
again and again, we are called to forgive
others, even when it is difficult.

Forgiveness helps us to live in peace, build
stronger relationships and be more like Jesus.

REFLECTION – THINK, PRAY, DISCUSS

In this Gospel, Peter thinks that forgiving someone seven times is
enough. But Jesus shows us that we should always be ready to forgive.

The parable helps us to understand how much God forgives us – a
huge debt! If we have been forgiven so much, we are called to show
the same kindness and mercy to others.

Forgiveness is not always easy, but it brings peace to our hearts. It
helps us to move forward, mend friendships and create a kinder world.
By choosing forgiveness, we learn to live as Jesus teaches us.

Questions to think about:

- Why do you think Peter asked his question?
- How does the parable help us to understand forgiveness?
- Who might you need to forgive?
- How does forgiveness bring peace?

OUR STEPS TO A PEACEFUL LIFE

- 1 NOTICE**
Be aware when something has upset you.
- 2 TALK**
Speak calmly and honestly.
- 3 FORGIVE**
Choose to let go, just as God forgives us.
- 4 MOVE FORWARD**
Be kind, rebuild the relationship and help to create peace.

“Be kind and forgive one another,
just as in Christ God forgave you.”
Ephesians 4:32

LET US PRAY

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for always forgiving us
and for showing us how to love
without giving up.

Help us to have the courage to
forgive others, even when it is hard.
Teach us to be kind, patient and
understanding, so that we can
bring peace to our families, our
school and our world.

May we always try to live as you
teach us, with open hearts and
forgiving hearts.

Amen.

THIS WEEK'S MISSION

Learn it. Live it.

This week, I will choose to be a person of
forgiveness and peace. I will:

- ☒ Forgive someone who has upset me.
- ☒ Say sorry if I have hurt someone.
- ☒ Be kind and include others.
- ☒ Let go of a grudge and choose peace.
- ☒ Look for one way to help make my class,
family or playground a kinder place.

A kinder me
A brighter world