

# STUDY AIDS

## *Story 29*

### *The Story of the Unmerciful Servant*

A Bible Story from the Book  
of Matthew

## 29 - THE STORY OF THE UNMERCIFUL SERVANT

OPEN BIBLE STORIES



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# A Guide to Using the Stories in the Open Bible Stories

## The Reason For The Stories

The stories in the OBS tell about things that happened in the Bible. However, the stories are shorter than the Bible accounts, and the language is often easier to understand. The stories can help people learn about who God is and about what he has done. Also, each paragraph of a story has an image that can help people understand what happened in Bible times when clothing, houses, and culture were very different than they are today.

## How to Use The Stories

- **Choose a story to read.** The stories will be easier to understand if you read the stories in order, beginning with the first story
- **Read the story.** In a group, one person may read the story aloud, or the people may take turns reading portions.
- **Look at the images.** Use the images to help you understand what happened in the time of the story. Try to identify the people in the images.
- **Refer to the Notes.** Read the study notes whenever there is a word or something else that you do not understand in the story.
- **Discuss the Questions.** Read each question and think about the answer. The first set of questions help you see what the story says. The next set of questions help you think about what the story means to you. If you are in a group, allow different people to offer answers to the questions. Look at the answer to each question and see how it is the same as your answer, or different from it.
- **Read the Summary.** Read the story summary at the end of the questions. Think about what you have learned about God in the story. If you are in a group, ask the group what they have learned from the story.

## The Parts of The Stories

- The text of the stories
- The images in the stories
- The study notes in the stories
- The questions for the stories

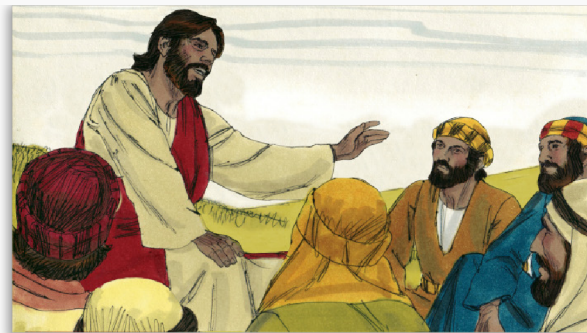
## Study Notes

### Slide 1

One day, Peter asked Jesus, "Master, how many times should I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus said, "Not seven times, but 70 times seven!" By this, Jesus meant that we should always forgive. Then Jesus told this story.

**my brother** - This term sometimes included people who were not actually siblings but who shared another very strong connection such as religion, ethnic background, etc.

**Not seven times, but 70 times seven!** - Jesus was not talking about an exact number. He was saying that we should forgive people every time they sin against us.



### Slide 2

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. One of his servants owed a huge debt worth 2000,000 years' wages."

**to settle accounts with his servants** - That is, to collect the money his servants had borrowed from him.



### Slide 3

"But the servant could not pay his debt, so the king said, "Sell this man and his family as slaves to pay his debt."

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