As we forgive our debtors

In the Lord's Prayer that Jesus taught us to pray: "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors" (Matthew 6:12).

Who is a debtor?

Can you think of someone whom you would call a debtor?

Are you a debtor to someone?

Write Matthew 6:12 in your own words.

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The servant that didn't forgive

"Mom, how long do I have to forgive my brother?"

You're not the first to ask this. Did you know that Peter also did? He approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if a brother of the church does something against me, how often should I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy times seven." We must forgive again and again; that is, forever. And for the disciples to understand this better, Jesus told them a parable:

"The kingdom of God works like something that happened some time ago in a far away country. A king summoned his employees to inform them what they owed him. When he started checking accounts, he saw an employee who owed him a lot of money. Since the employee didn't have any money to pay his debt, the king ordered him to be sold as a slave, along with his wife and children, and also to sell everything he had. This was so he could start paying back the debt with the money made.

But the employee knelt before the king and begged,

"Lord, have patience with me and I'll pay you everything." The king felt sorry for his employee and said, "Go quietly. I forgive you all that you owe me."

Leaving the palace of the king, that employee met a fellow who owed him 100 silver coins. He grabbed him by the neck and said, "Pay me back what you owe me."