

# The Forgiving King

## Matthew 18:21-35

SPRING UNIT 2:  
I Learn from Jesus

BIBLE VERSE:  
“We love because He first loved us.” 1 John 4:19

GOD’S WORD & ME (BOTTOM LINE):  
Jesus tells me to be kind and serve others.



### Tell the Story

Open your Bible to Matthew 18. Tell the story using the pictured motions (keywords in bold) or show Bible Story 35 pictures.

**Listen to what Jesus said we should do when someone has been unkind to us.**



Once there was a man who worked for a king. This man had asked the king for lots and lots of money and had promised that he would pay it all back. One day, the king told this man, “Pay back all the money you borrowed from me. And pay me right now!” But the man **didn’t have** the money.



The king was angry. He called one of his helpers. The king told his helper, “Since this man cannot pay me, take everything he has, sell it and give that money to me!”

The man **fell** to his knees. “No! No!” the man cried. “I promise to pay you back!” The king felt sorry for this man. “I forgive you,” said the king. “You do not have to pay back ANY of the money.”



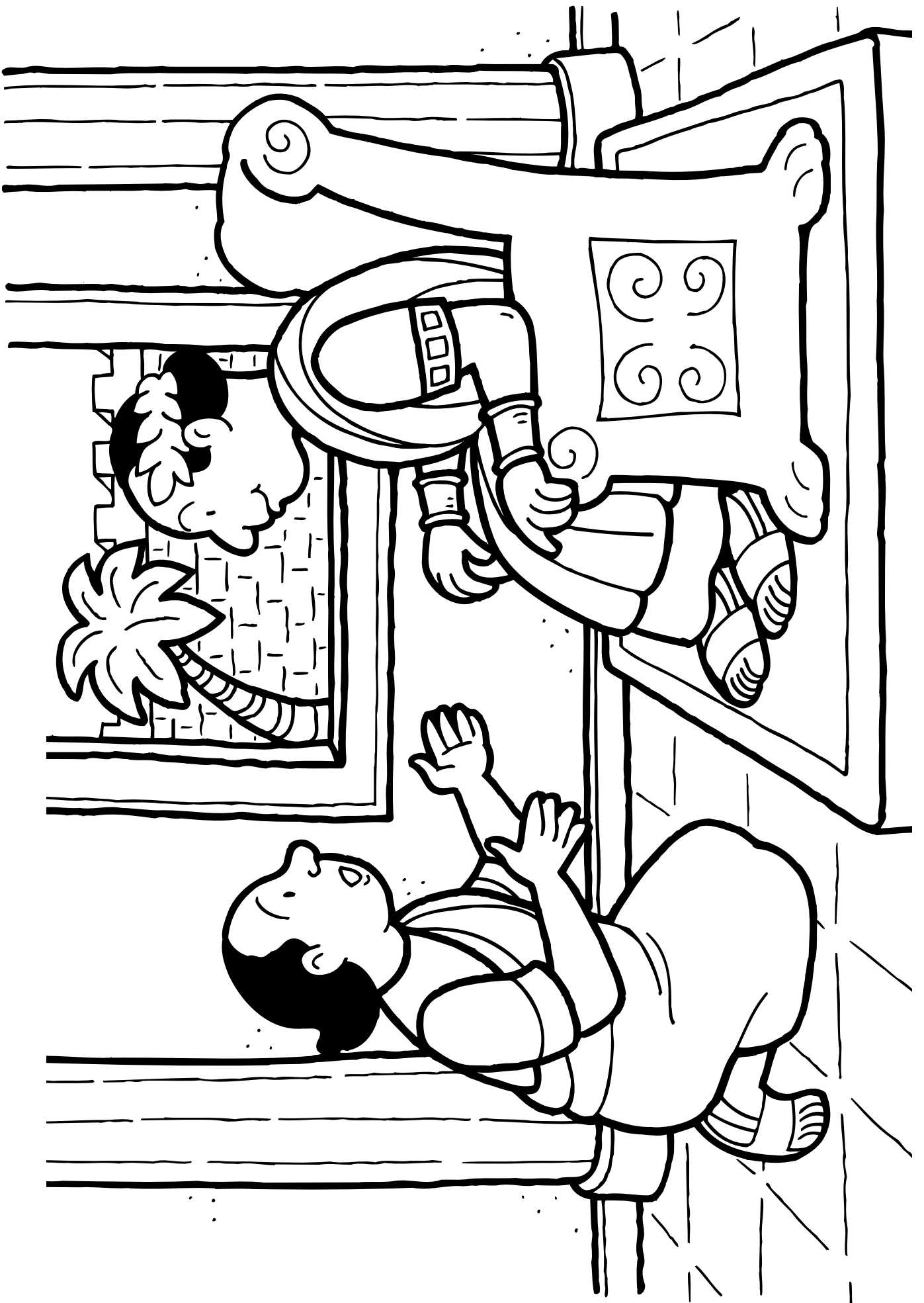
The man must have felt very happy that the king had been so kind. On the way home, the man saw a friend. The friend had borrowed just a LITTLE money from him. The man grabbed his friend and **shouted**, “Pay back the money you owe me! Pay it back right now.” The friend got down on his knees. His friend begged, “Please wait for a little while. I promise to pay you back.” But the man would NOT forgive his friend. The man had his friend put in jail.



The king heard that the man had been unkind to his friend. The king told the man to come to see him. The king said to the man, “You are a mean person. I forgave you for ALL the money you owed me. But you would not forgive your friend for just a small amount of money.” The king was very angry. He **sent** the unkind man to jail.

After the story, Jesus said, “God is like the king. God forgave you a lot. So God wants you to ALWAYS forgive other people.”



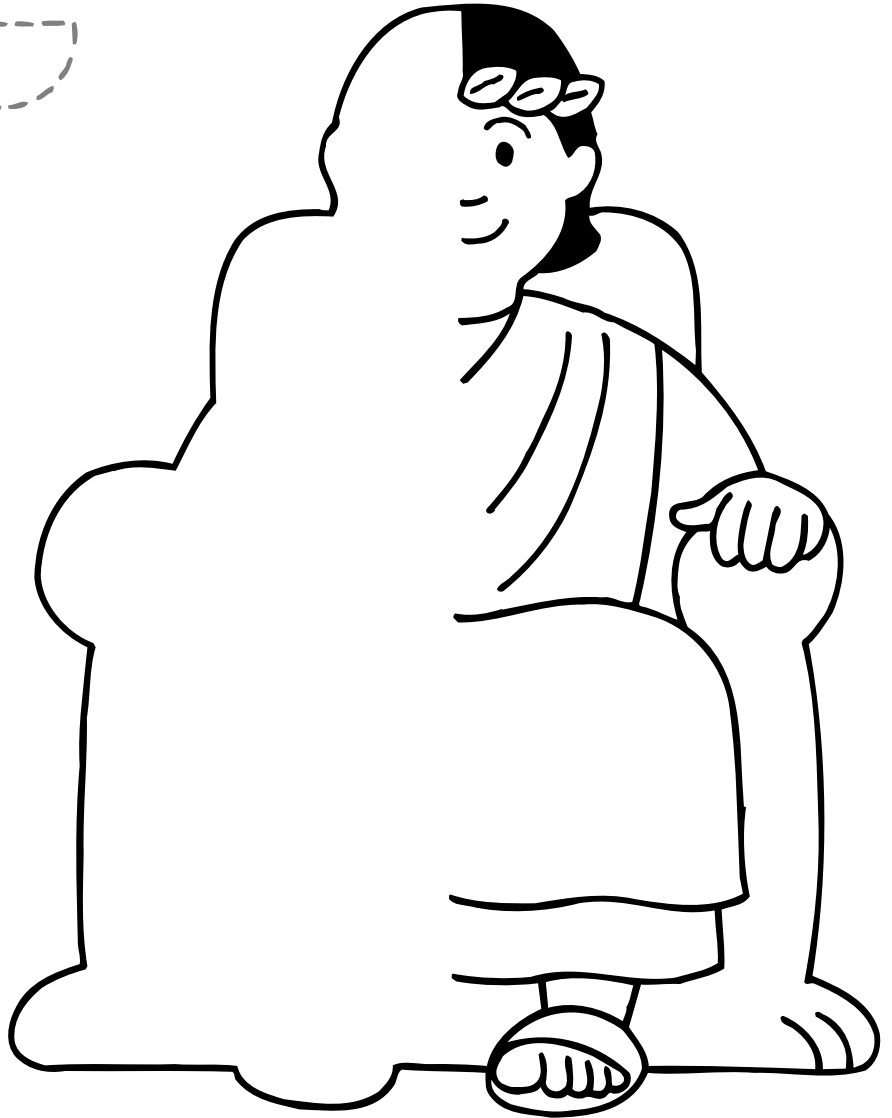


Trace these words with a pencil to learn about a person in the Bible.

Which letter is different?

KIND  
KING

Finish this picture  
of the KIND KING.



We can show love and kindness by forgiving others.  
Our Bible says, "Be kind to everyone" (2 Timothy 2:24).



Draw a picture of someone who has been kind to you.  
(Try drawing one half of the person at a time!)