

Jesus Taught About Forgiveness Bible Craft



Bible Story: Jesus Taught About Forgiveness

Bible Text: Luke 15:11-31

Suggested Learning Outcome: This tissue paper craft will help children learn the story Jesus taught and remember the difference forgiveness can make.

Supplies List:

- Contact paper
- Tissue paper
- Black construction paper
- Craft brads

Teacher Preparation:

Any of the cutting can be done in advance to save time in class.

Instructions:

Step 1. Give children a piece of black construction paper and instruct them to fold the paper in half and cut out a large heart shape along the fold. In white crayon assist children in writing the word “Forgiveness Makes a Difference” onto the black heart and set aside. Unfold the rest of the paper to reveal an empty heart shape in the center of the page (see image).



Step 2. Give children a sheet of contact paper and guide them in carefully laying the unfolded paper onto the sticky side of the contact paper. Give learners several pieces of colored tissue paper squares and guide them in sticking the papers carefully onto the contact paper inside the heart. Lay another sheet of contact paper, sticky side down on top of the page (see image). This will seal the tissue paper squares inside.



Step 3. Trim the edges of contact paper. Turn the craft over to reveal a colorful heart center (see image).



Step 4. Using a craft brad, attach the black heart you cut out and set aside earlier (see image).



Step 5. Now the black heart can be moved back and forth to illustrate what happens to our hearts when we open our hearts to forgive. The forgiving heart is beautiful and the light of God can shine through it (see image).



Sermon on the Mount: Anger

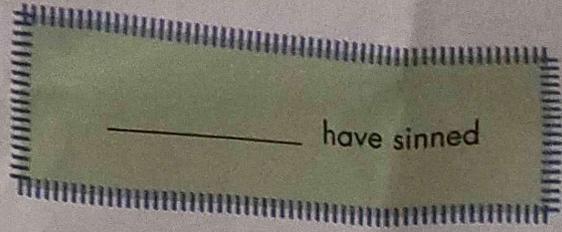
Onesimus and Philemon

Matthew 5:21-26; Philemon

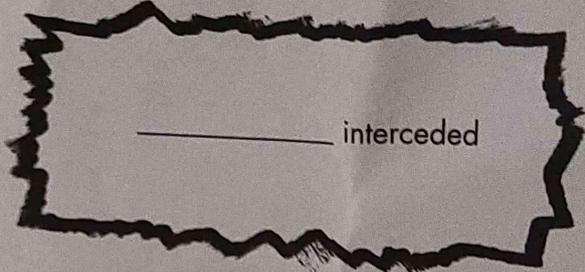
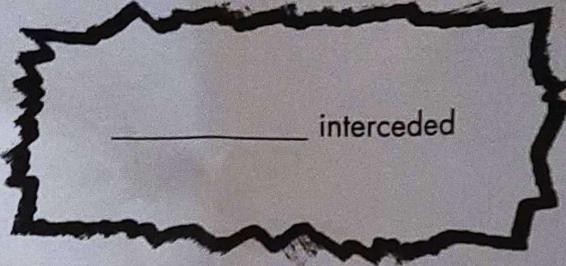


Forgive Us Our Trespases

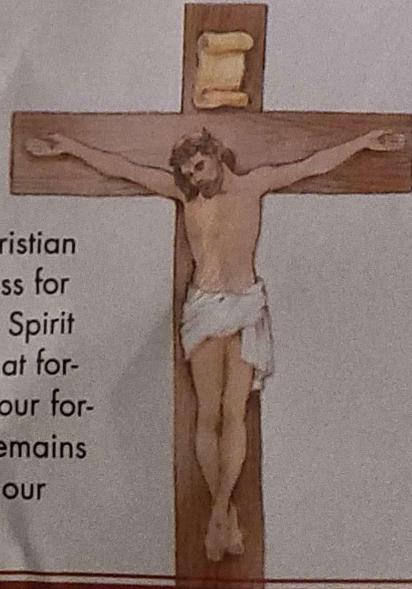
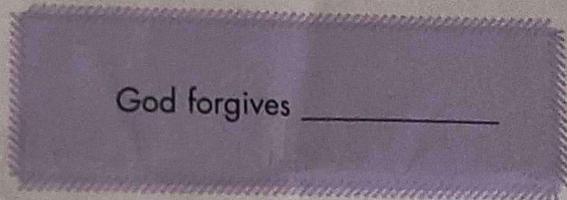
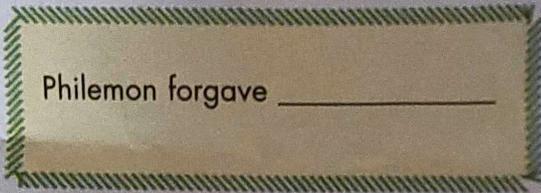
Before:



Then:



After:



The blessing of forgiveness is the defining gift of the Christian Church. Through Christ's suffering and death on the cross for us, we are forgiven, and through the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us through Word and Sacrament, we offer that forgiveness to each other and to those around us. Though our forgiveness frequently falters, God's forgiveness in Christ remains constant, transforming us to work for reconciliation with our neighbors.

The Fifth Petition

And forgive us our trespases as we forgive those who trespass against us.
What does this mean? We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

Paul's Instructions

Highlight the words found within each set of letters below.
(Or, you may cross out the letters that are not part of the word.)
The highlighted words are today's Bible words.

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Ephesians 4:32



Key Point

As God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ, we seek to be reconciled to one another in the forgiveness of Christ.

Bible Words

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

Prayer

Thank You, dear Heavenly Father, that You forgive our sins through the work of Your Son Jesus Christ rather than to give us the punishment we deserve. Help us to forgive others also, so that Your name may be glorified and others may know Jesus as their Savior. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Catechism Connection

The Lord's Prayer: Fifth Petition

Weekly Devotions

Through Jesus' death and resurrection, all of our sins are forgiven. Each verse helps answer, "Why do we confess our sins?"

Sunday: Read Proverbs 28:13. When we confess our sins, we receive forgiveness.

Monday: Read Psalm 19:12. Our sinful nature doesn't even recognize all of our sins.

Tuesday: Read Psalm 51:1-2. We receive forgiveness for our sins.

Wednesday: Read Psalm 32:5. God's forgiveness is complete and immediate.

Thursday: Read Matthew 18:21-22. God forgives our sins repeatedly and without limits.

Friday: Read Psalm 103:12. Forgiven sins are never held against us.

Saturday: Read Matthew 9:2. God's forgiveness enables us to be joyful.



Family Connection

In our families, we are sometimes more concerned with justice than with forgiveness. Justice demands payment for offenses, so justice for our sins would be eternal death. Thankfully, through Jesus, God gives us forgiveness, not justice. In thankfulness for what Christ has done for us, we learn to offer each other forgiveness rather than justice.

Faith Words

reconcile—to restore a relationship after a disagreement

Epistle—a letter; many of the books of the New Testament are Epistles.

intercede—to speak on behalf of another

penitence—an expression of sorrow for sin or wrongdoing



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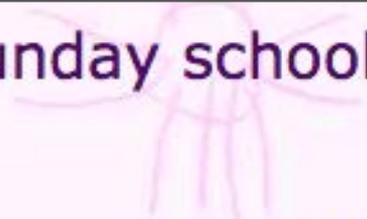
Introductions

**Nice to
meet you.**



**Nice to
meet you,
too.**

Sunday school prayer



Dear God,



This church is a family.
Help us to learn together
To worship together
To share together
To play together
To pray together
To come together

And to reach out to everyone with family love!

Amen.



Prayer:



Has anyone ever broken one of your toys?



Has anyone ever taken something of yours without asking?



When that happens, you might feel angry toward the person who broke the toy or took your special things. What do we do when we are angry with someone?

A slave is a person who is owned by another person. The slave works for his or her master.



Slave owner, "Master"

Who: Onesimus

Role: Slave

Pictures: You & Me

Who: Paul

Role: Mediator

Pictures: Lord Jesus

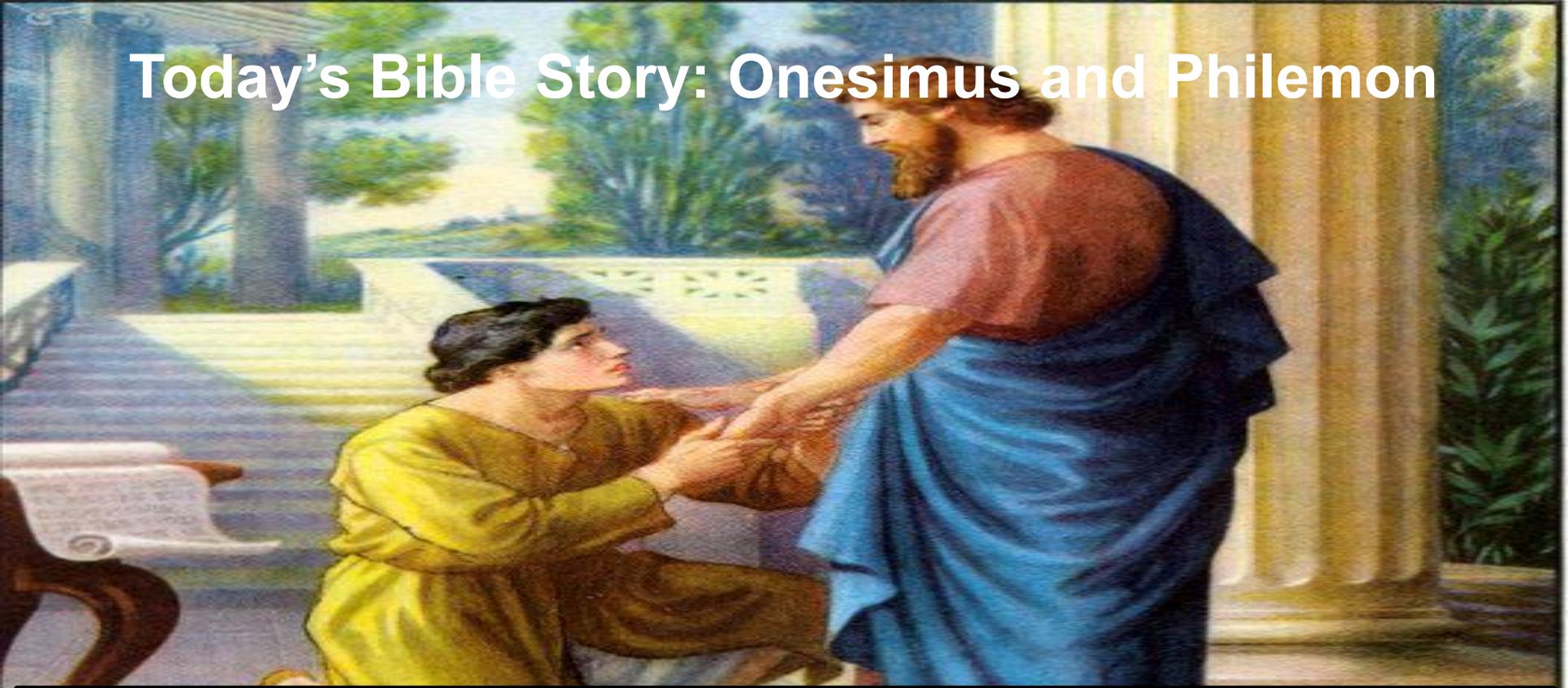
Who: Philemon

Role: Owner

Pictures: Father God

Today's Bible Story: Sermon on the
Mount - Anger; Onesimus and Philemon
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as God in Christ forgave you. [Ephesians 4:32]*

Today's Bible Story: Onesimus and Philemon

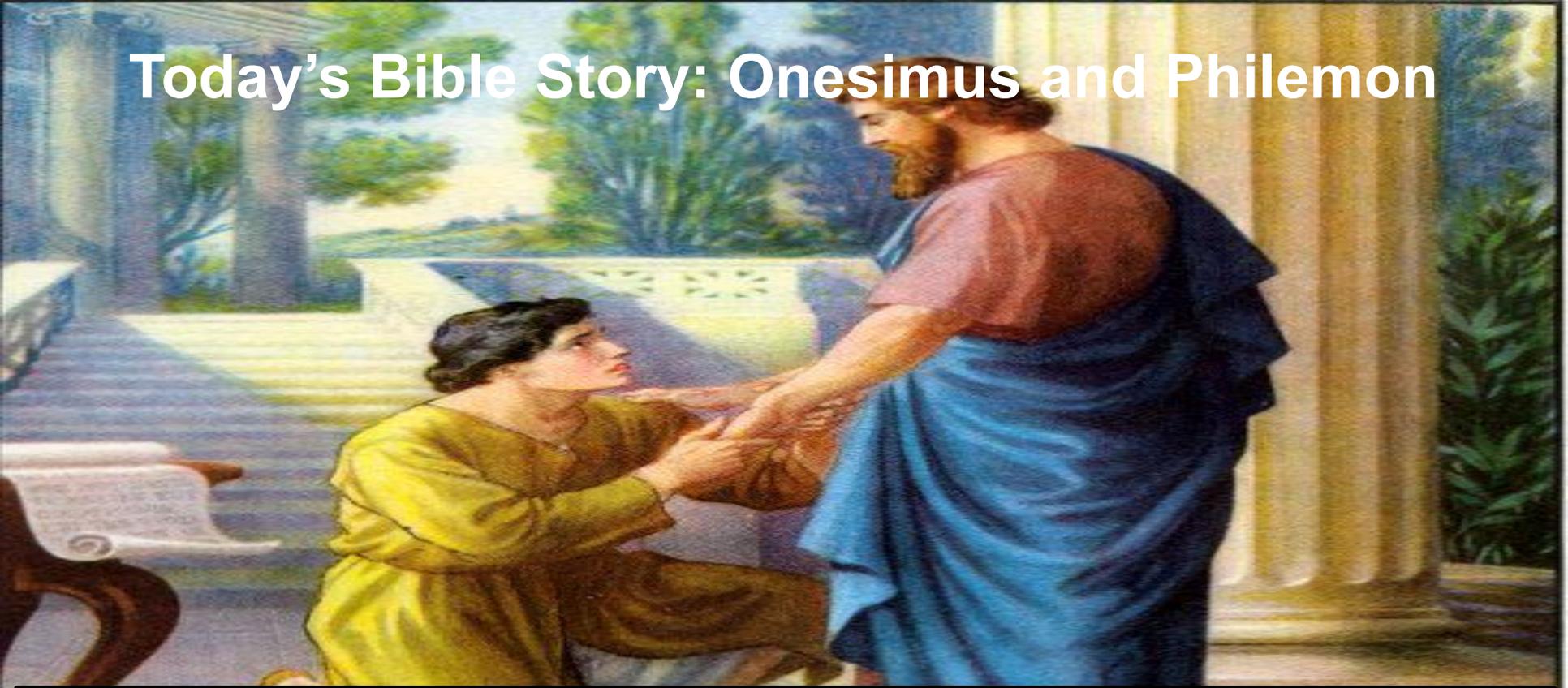


A man named Philemon was a believer who lived in a town named Colossae. Philemon had a slave named Onesimus who ran away. He may even have taken some of Philemon's money.

Oh, Oh! Stealing is a sin. Slavery is also a sin.



Today's Bible Story: Onesimus and Philemon

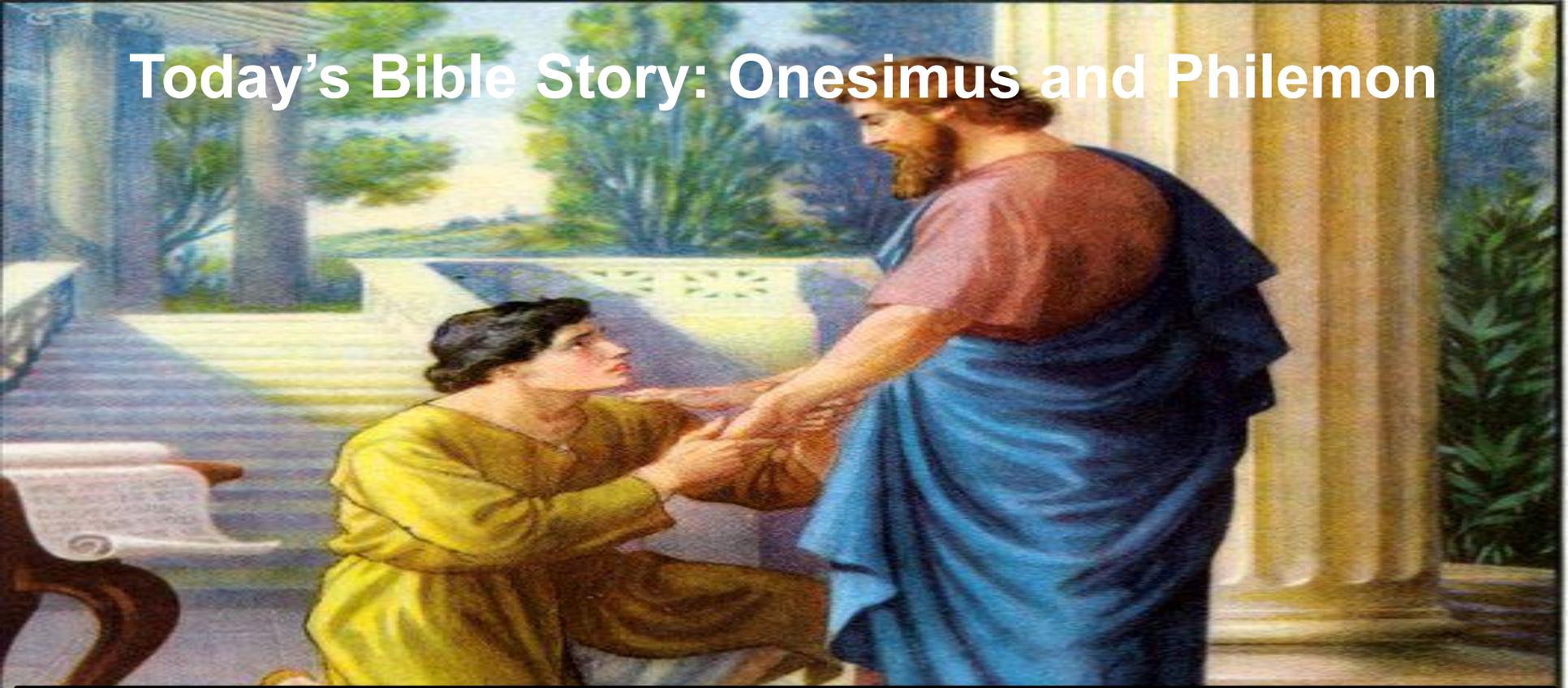


You are right. It is a sin to steal from someone and slavery is a sin. Let's find out what happened next. Sometime later, Onesimus met Paul in Rome. Onesimus became a Christian and was kind and helpful to Paul.

**It's a good thing that Onesimus became a Christian and helped Paul.
What happened next?**



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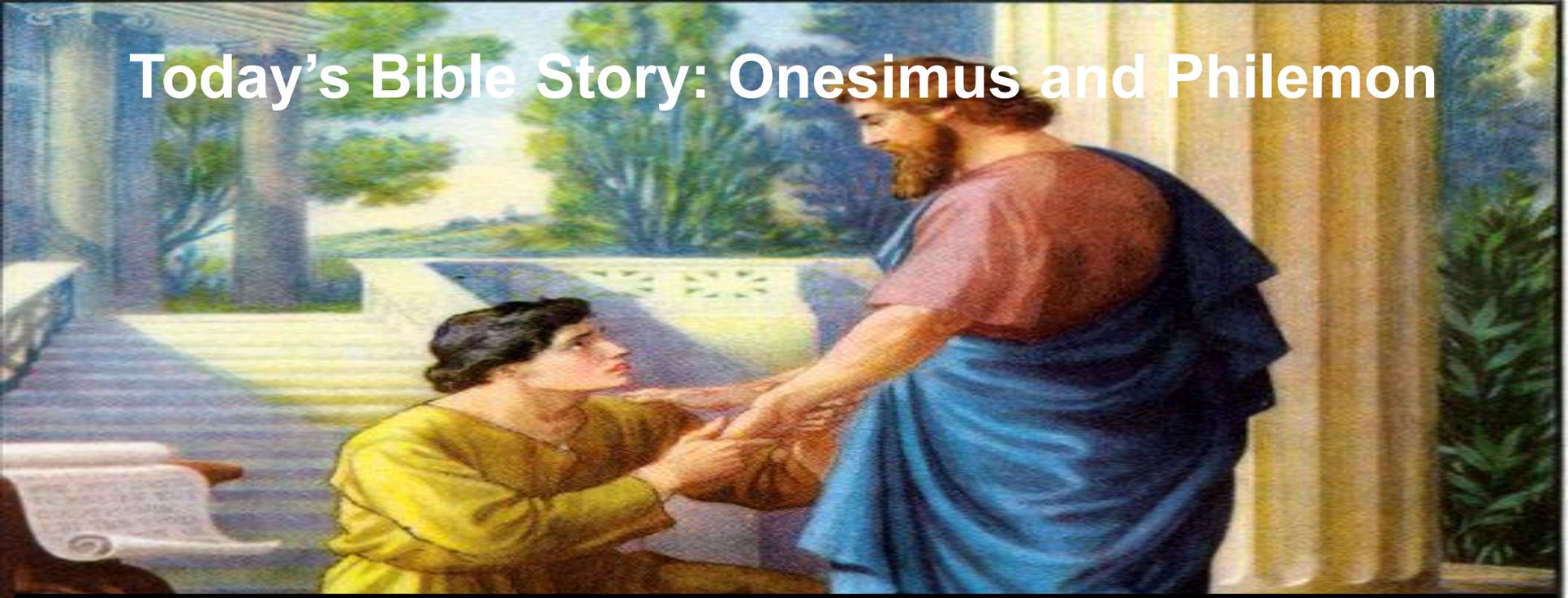


Paul wanted to help. He knew Philemon, and Onesimus. Paul decided to send a letter to Philemon about Onesimus. At this time, Paul was under house arrest in Rome. So he probably had a scribe write the letter.

Was Paul under arrest because he did something really bad?



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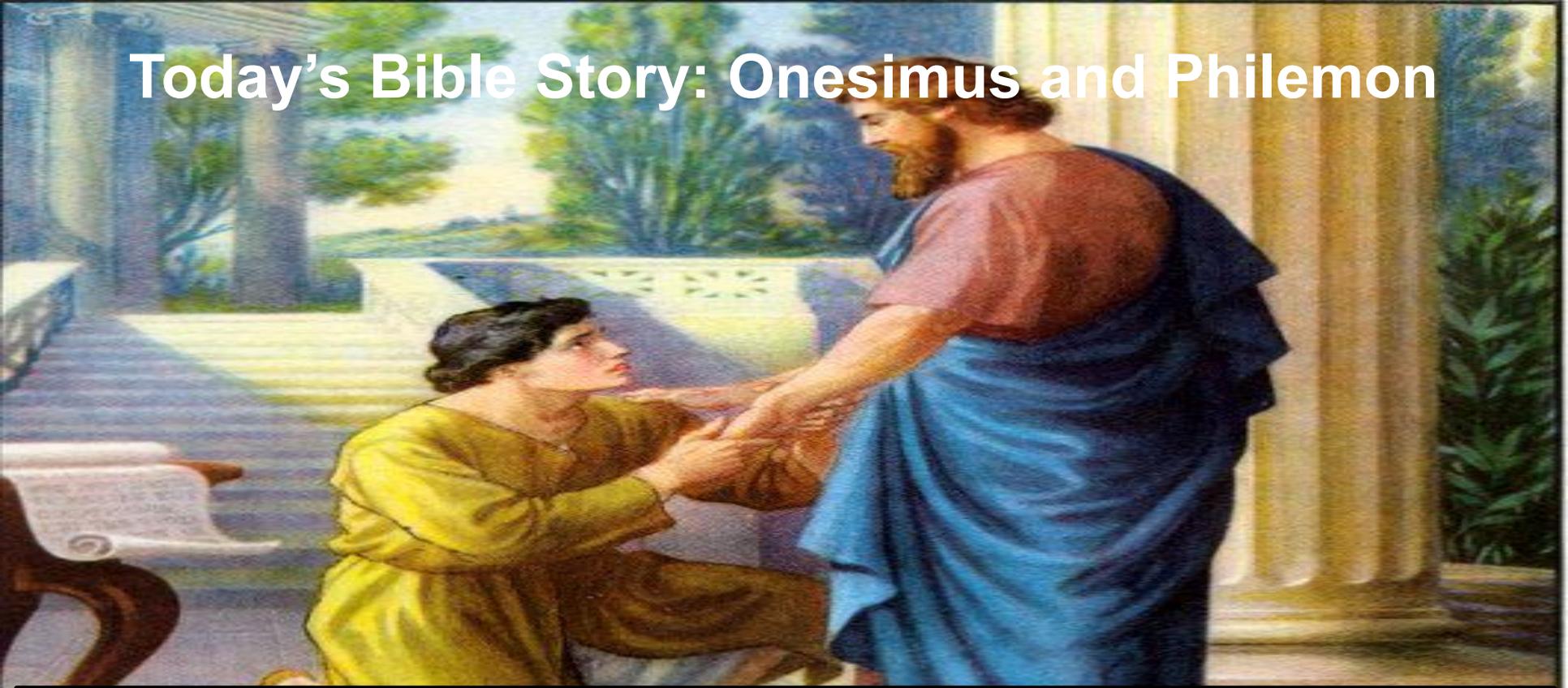


Actually, Paul was arrested for doing something good. Some people did not like Paul because he told people that Jesus was the Savior God sent. Paul was kept in a house, maybe even in chains, to keep him from preaching and teaching. But Paul did not let that stop him. He was still busy writing to people he knew about Jesus.

What did Paul's letter say?



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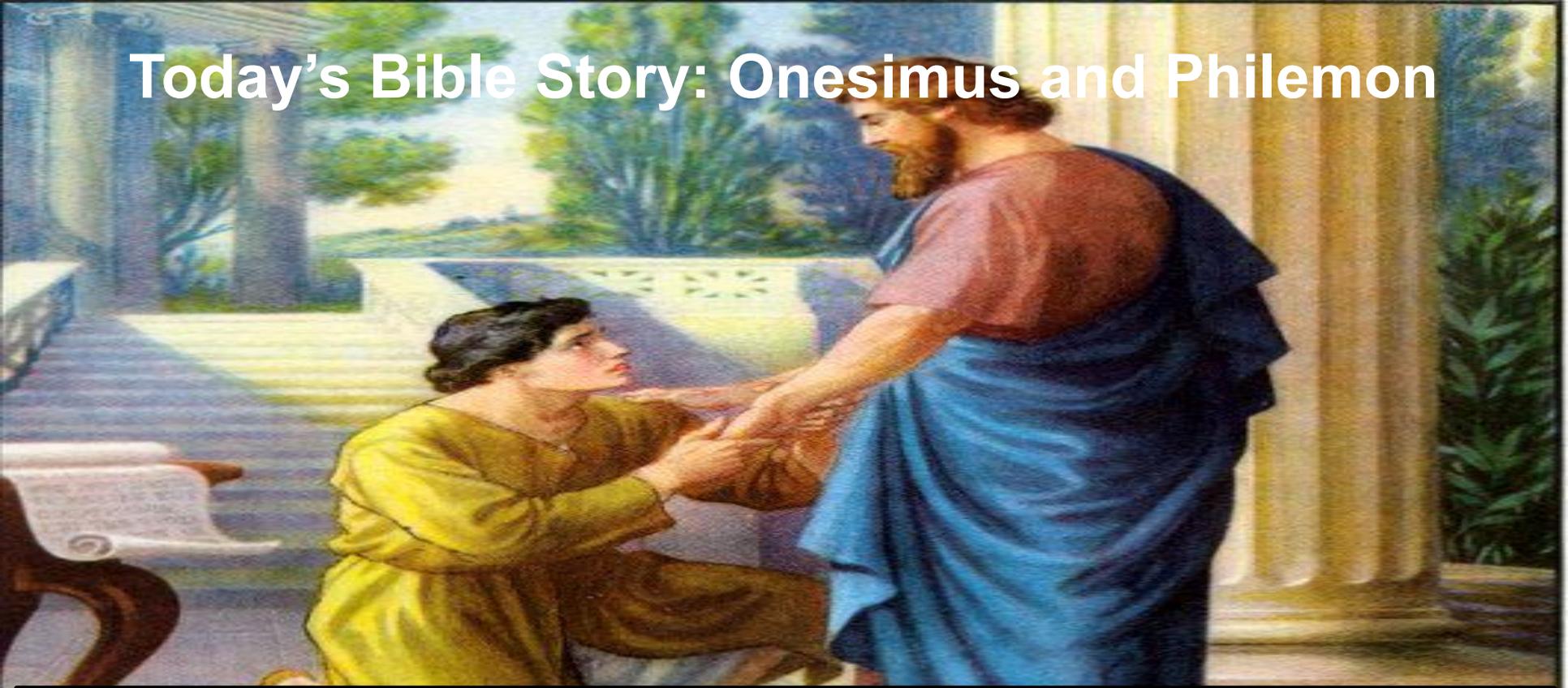


Paul asked Philemon to forgive Onesimus. He said it was required for love's sake. He said that if Onesimus had wronged Philemon or owed Philemon money, Paul would pay the debt.

Paul really did that? He was kind to Onesimus.



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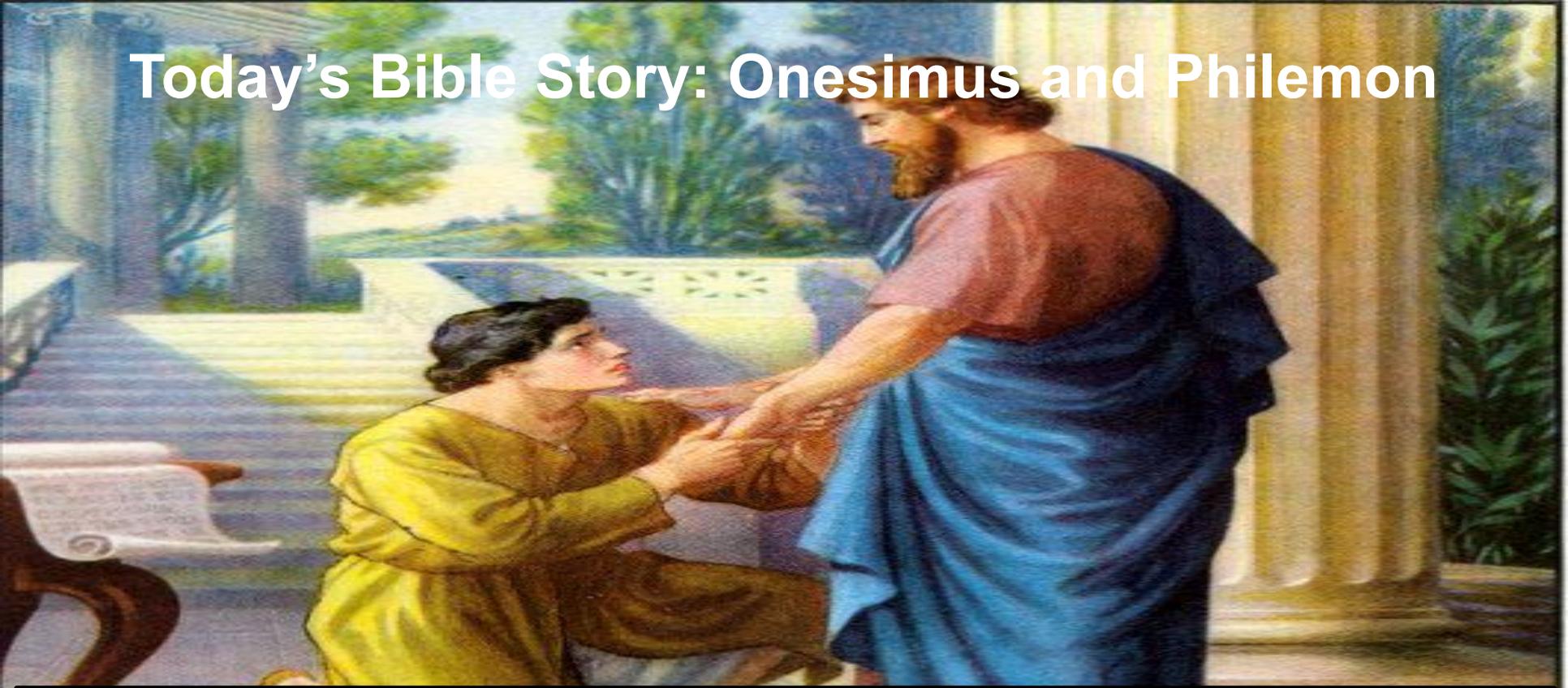


He offered to pay that debt. Paul believed that Jesus had paid a different kind of debt. He paid for our sins through His perfect life and death on the cross. Jesus also helps us forgive others - even when we are angry.

I'm so thankful Jesus paid my debt. How does the story end?



Today's Bible Story: Onesimus and Philemon



We don't know. The Bible doesn't tell us what Philemon did. But we do know what God wants us to do. He forgives our sins and wants us to forgive others. He even gives us the power to do it. Our God is loving and forgiving.

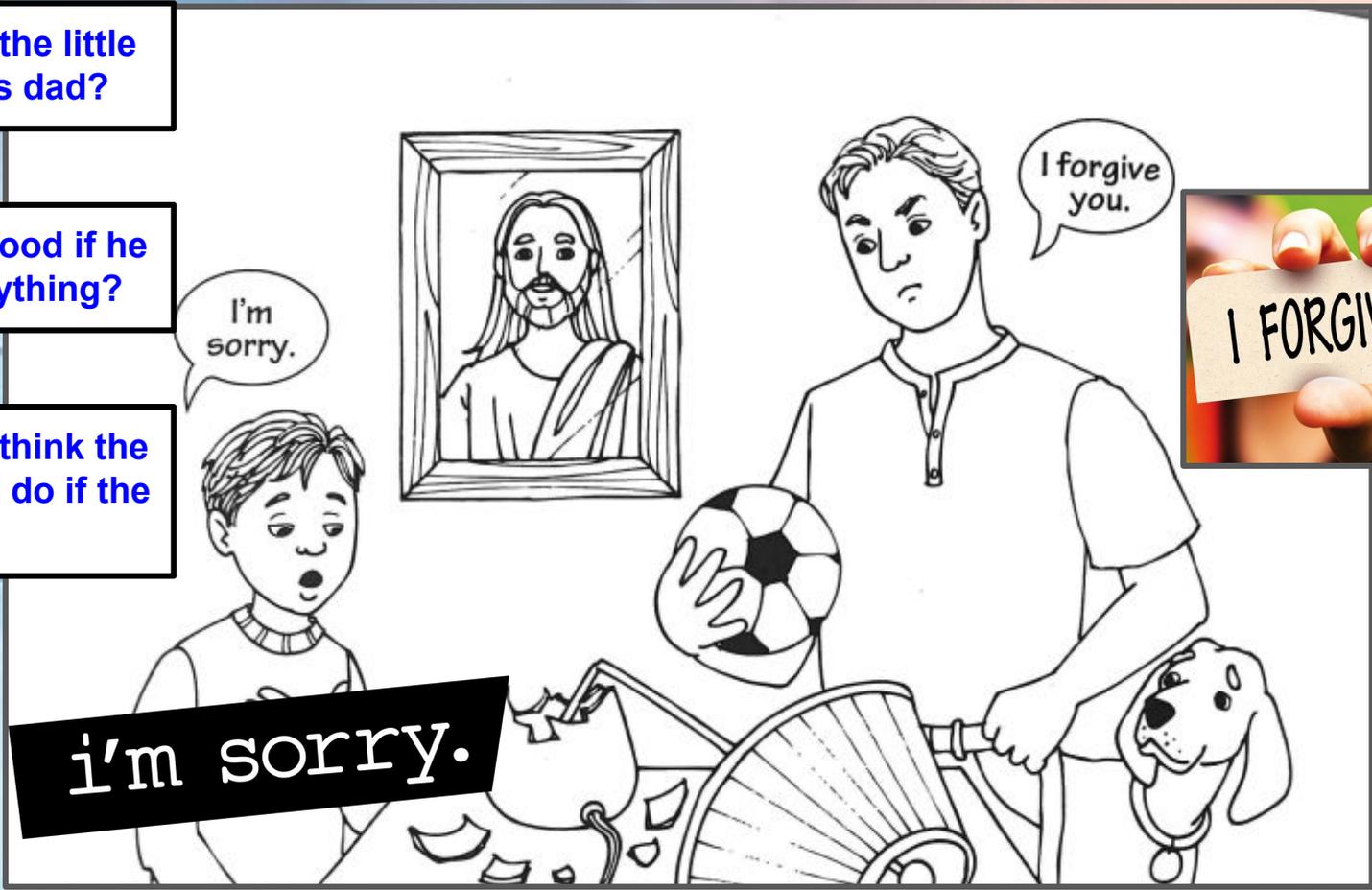
When it is hard to be nice to someone?

Jesus forgives us all our sins. He wants us to forgive others. He gives us power to be “tender-hearted.” He sends the Holy Spirit to teach us how to forgive and love others who have hurt us or sinned against us. In the Bible story, what does Paul ask Philemon to do? He asks him to be kind, tenderhearted and forgiving.

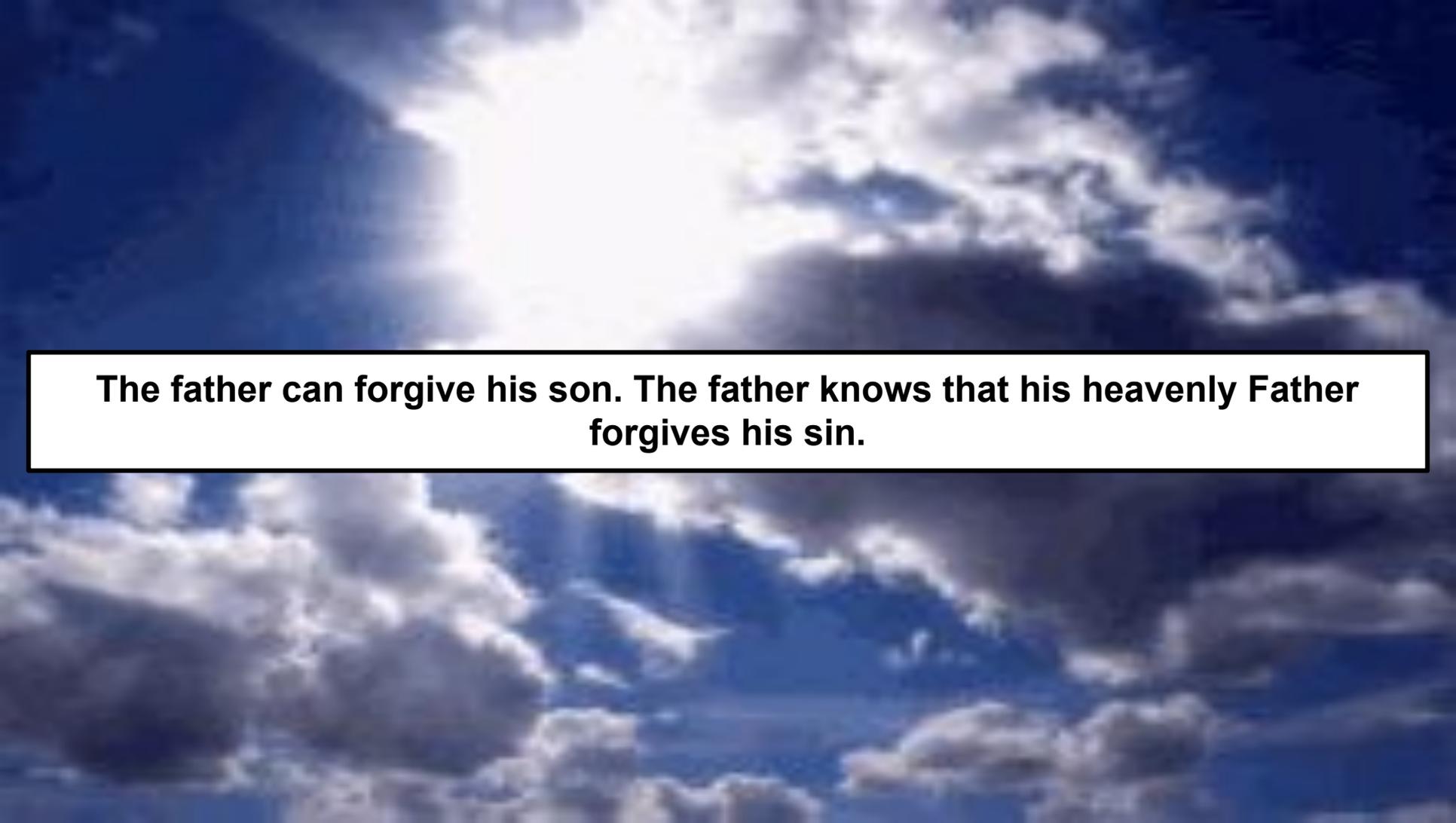
What should the little boy say to his dad?

Would it be good if he didn't say anything?

What do you think the father should do if the boy is sorry?



What happened in this picture?



The father can forgive his son. The father knows that his heavenly Father forgives his sin.

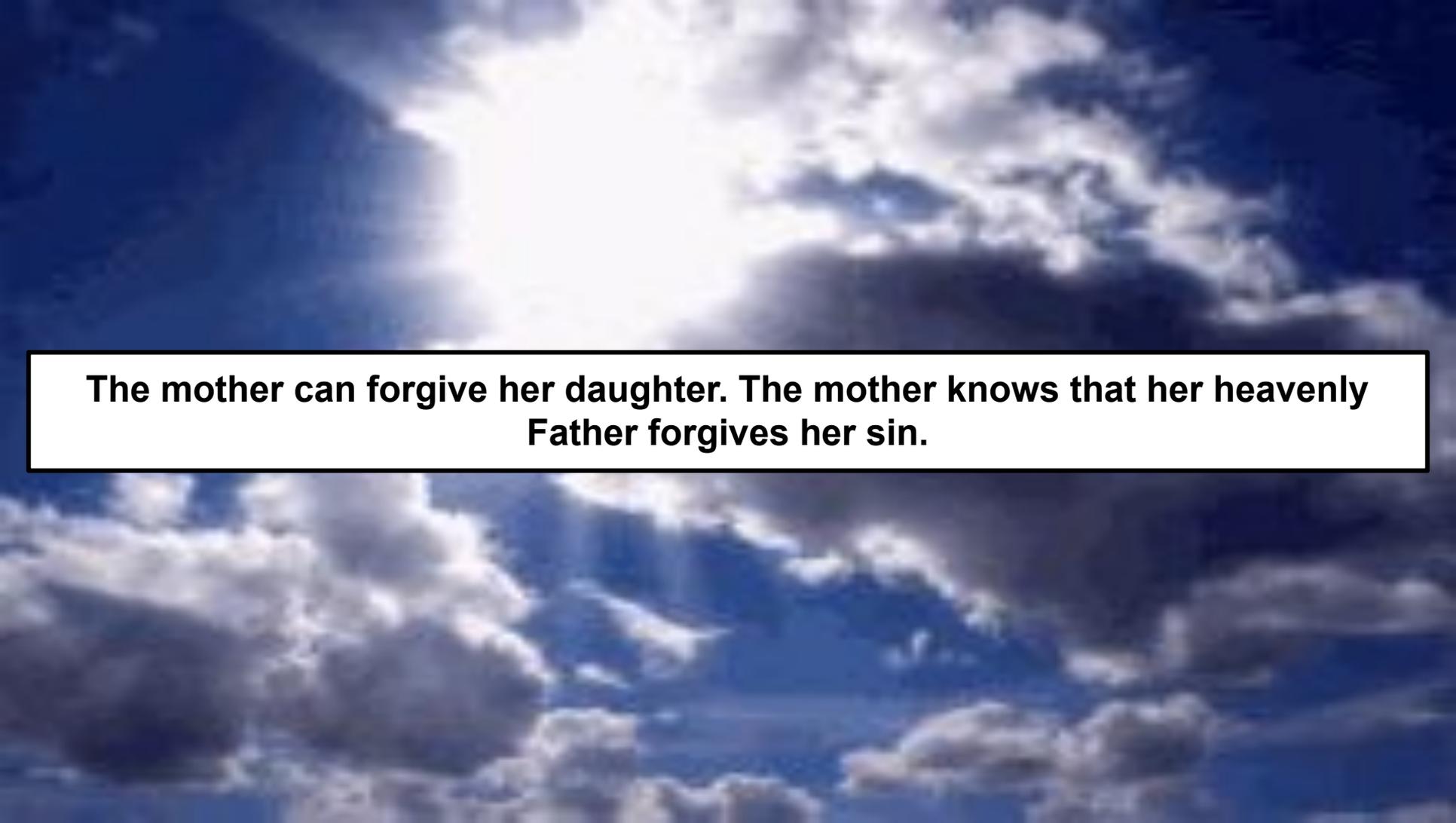
What should the little girl say to her mom?

Would it be good if she didn't say anything?

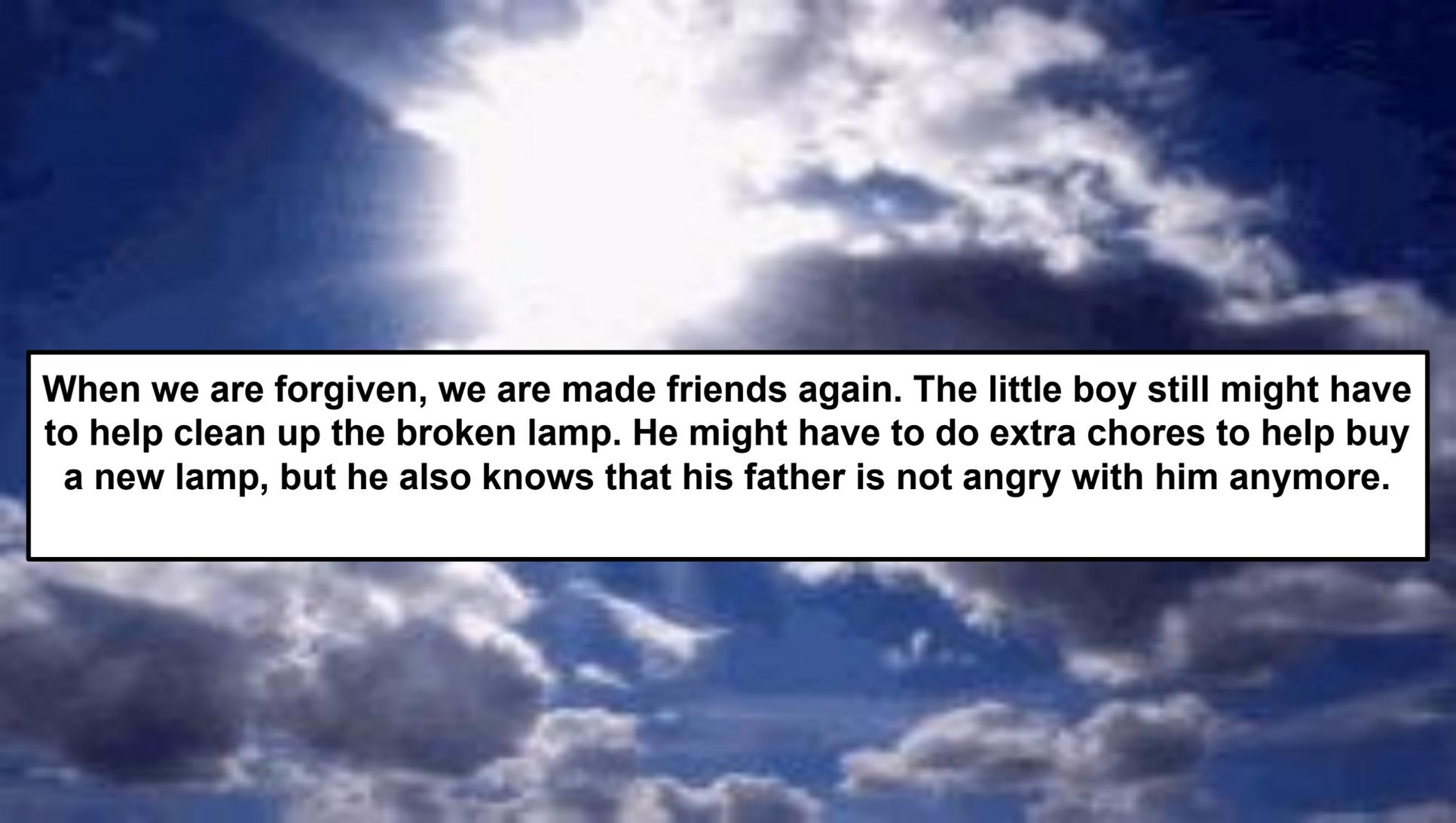
What do you think the mother should do if the girl is sorry?



What happened in this picture?



The mother can forgive her daughter. The mother knows that her heavenly Father forgives her sin.



When we are forgiven, we are made friends again. The little boy still might have to help clean up the broken lamp. He might have to do extra chores to help buy a new lamp, but he also knows that his father is not angry with him anymore.

It is often hard to forgive people who sin against us. When that happens, sin is working in us. We need help. We can ask God to help us. We do that in the Lord's prayer. We pray, "And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Trespass is a word that means "sin."

What does God want us to do for those who sin against us?

Our heavenly Father wants us to forgive them. He wants us to do good to those who sin against us. When we do this, it shows that we truly believe that God has forgiven us.

Let's pray the Lord's prayer now. We can ask God to help us forgive others.

The Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.

Lord's Prayer Thy will be done in earth,
as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13

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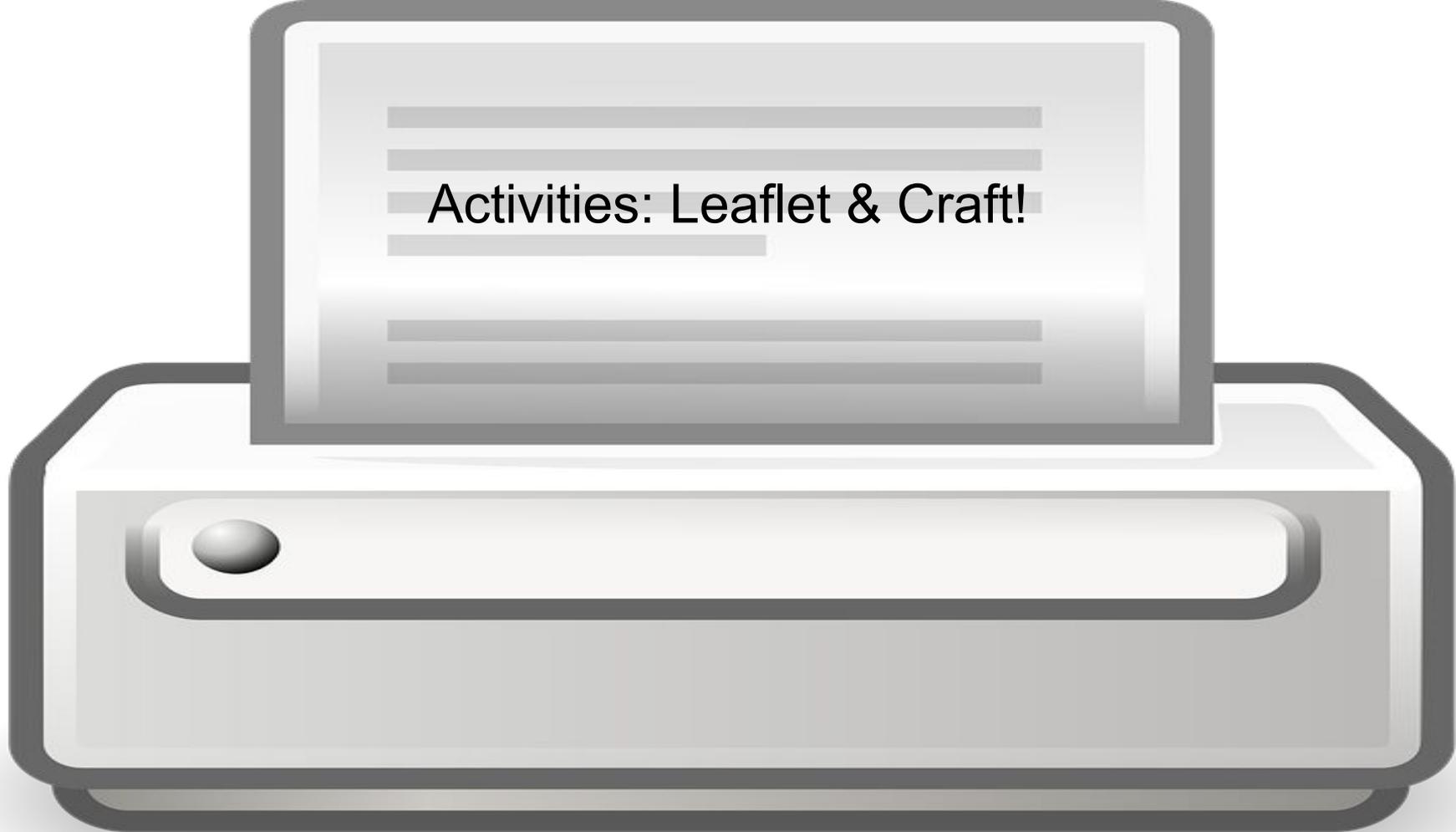


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When I am angry, I might sin by the things I think or do or say. I cannot take care of my sin problem, but Jesus did. He died on the cross to pay for my sin. He wants me to forgive others.



God wants us to forgive others, even when they do something wrong.



Activities: Leaflet & Craft!

Forgive Us Our Trespasses

Before:

_____ ran away

_____ have sinned

Then:

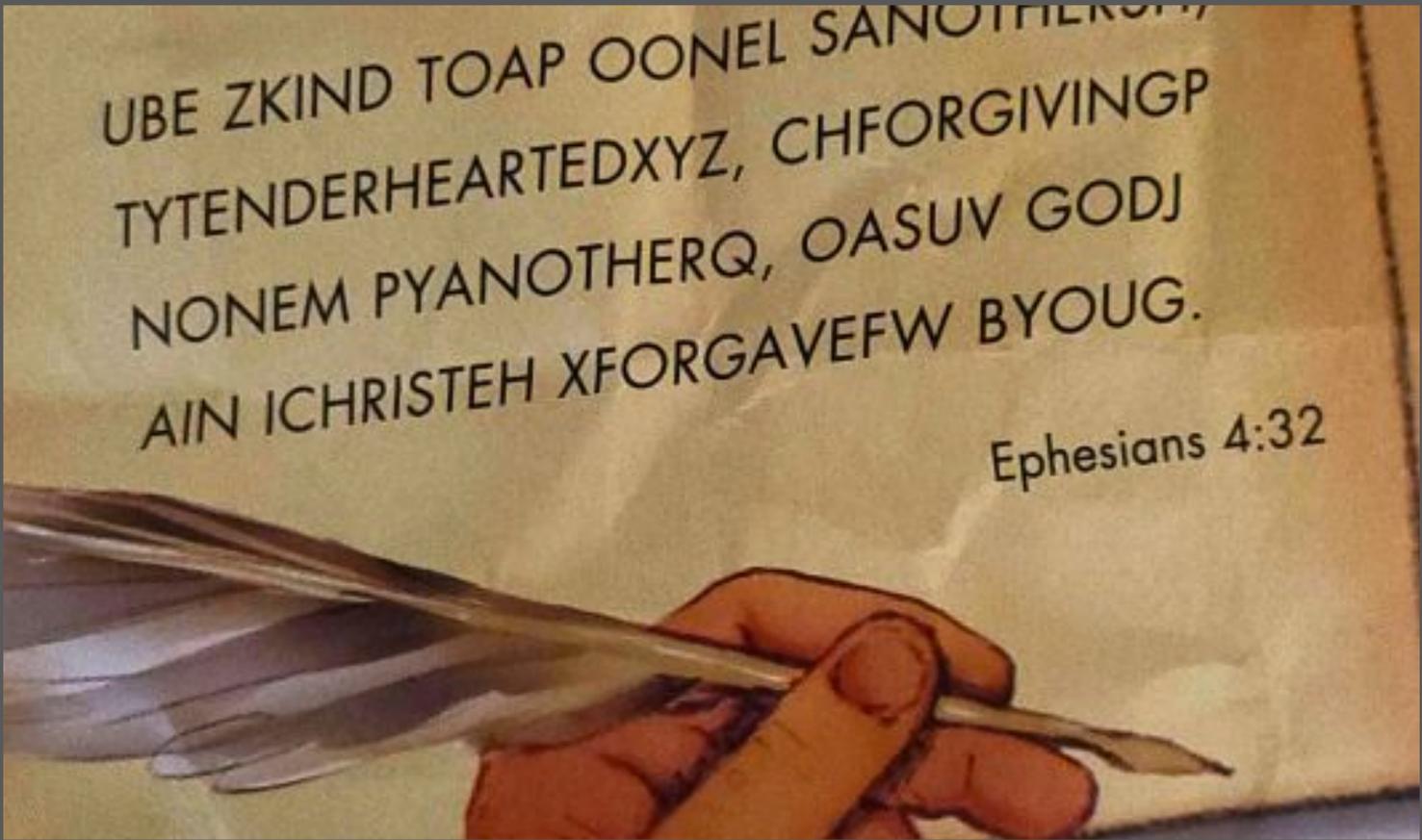
_____ interceded

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After:

Philemon forgave _____

God forgives _____

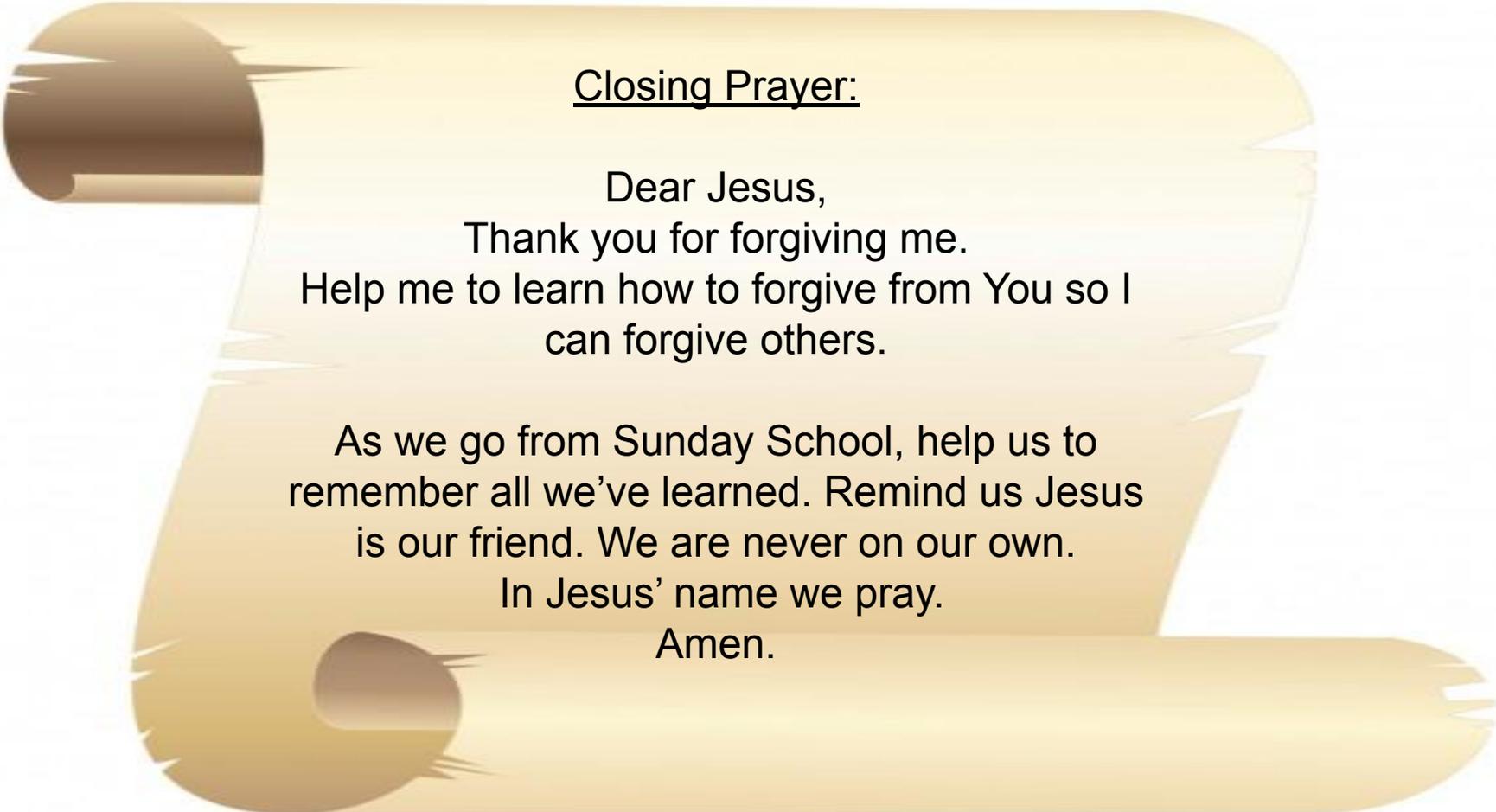
A hand holding a quill pen is positioned over a parchment scroll. The scroll contains several lines of text that are nonsensical combinations of letters and words. The background of the entire image is a crowd of diverse, colorful cartoon characters with various expressions of surprise and interest.

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Ephesians 4:32



• Forgiveness
Makes
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Closing Prayer:

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for forgiving me.
Help me to learn how to forgive from You so I
can forgive others.

As we go from Sunday School, help us to
remember all we've learned. Remind us Jesus
is our friend. We are never on our own.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.