

# The Unforgiving Servant



Long ago, Peter asked Jesus a question. "Jesus, how many times should I forgive my brother or friend when he does something mean to me? Is it up to seven times?"

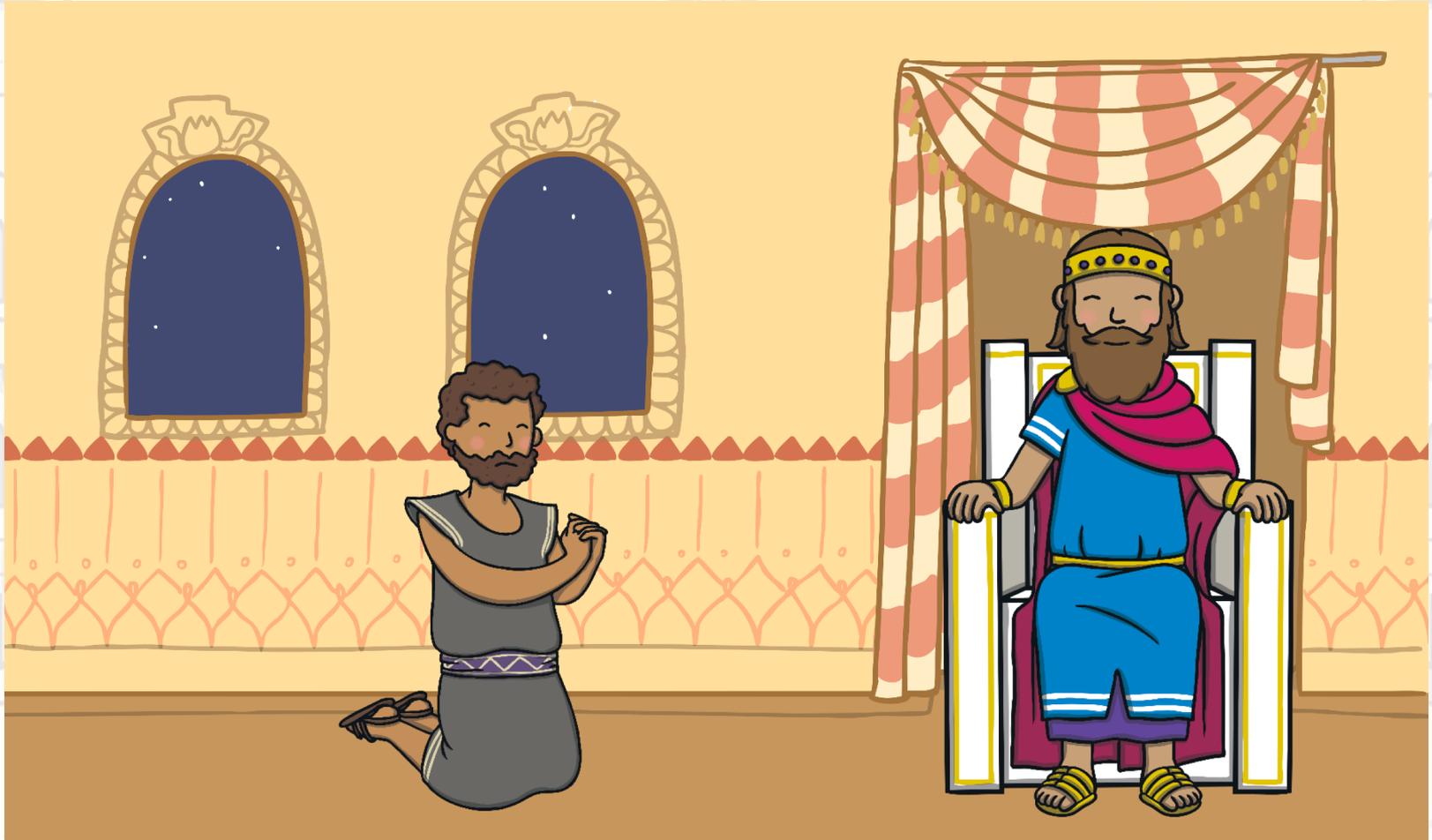
Jesus replied, "Seven times is not enough. Forgive him up to seventy seven times."



Peter was confused. "But why?" he asked. Jesus asked him to listen. "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted all his servants to settle their debts. The servants had borrowed money and the king wanted it all back," explained Jesus.



“As the king began to collect the money owed to him, he called upon one particular servant,” Jesus continued. “This servant owed him a lot of money.”



“The king demanded the money back from the servant,” said Jesus. “The servant, however, did not have the money.”

Please sir,  
give me more  
time to repay  
the money.



"The king continued to demand that the servant repay him immediately. He said that he and his family must sell everything they own to pay off their debt to him. The servant pleaded and begged him to give him more time. Astonishingly, the king changed his mind," told Jesus.



Get off your knees, I will have mercy on you and cancel what you owe!

“After leaving the king, the servant returned to his quarters. He then went to ask his servant for the money he owed him,” said Jesus.



Jesus continued, "Give me back my money," the first servant demanded. The second servant did exactly as the first servant had done and dropped to his knees. "Be patient with me, I will find the money," the second servant replied. The first servant would not give him more time and threw him into jail."

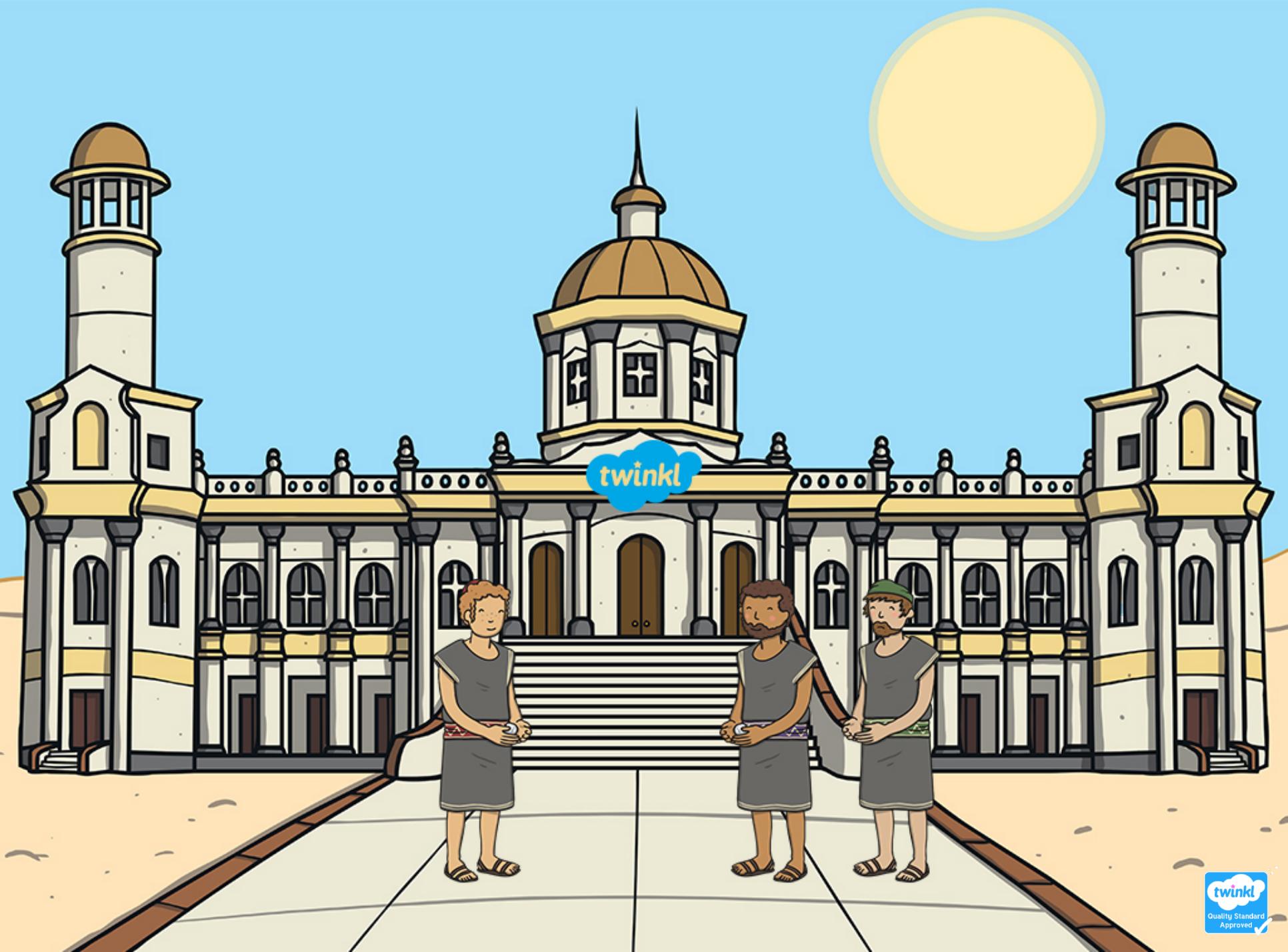


“The king found out how his servant had behaved,” continued Jesus. “He called for the servant to come before him. “How dare you throw your servant in jail. What an unforgiving person you are! You begged me for mercy and I granted it to you, yet you could not do the same for another.” The king sent him to jail,” Jesus said.



Jesus reminded Peter, "This is how your heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your friend or brother with all of your heart".





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