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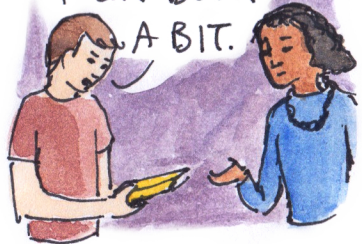
In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story of a king whose servant owed him a lot of money. The king was going to punish the servant, but when the man knelt down and begged for mercy, the king forgave him. Then that same man went and punished a servant who owed him money. When the king found out about this he was very angry.

In this story Jesus is telling us that if we want God to forgive us our sins then we have to forgive the people who have hurt us.

Has anyone ever done something mean to you? How do you feel when that happens? Do you feel loving toward that person? Jesus tells us that we must forgive those people, even when they really hurt us, because we want God to forgive us too. Every time we sin we offend God, and He will still forgive us if we are sorry. If we want God to forgive us, then it's only fair for us to forgive others.
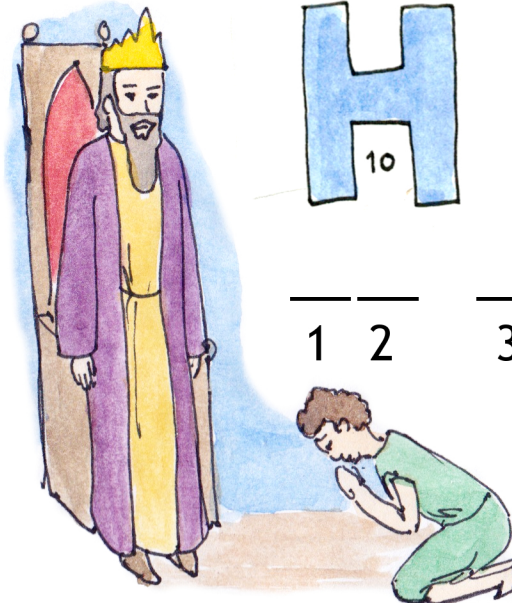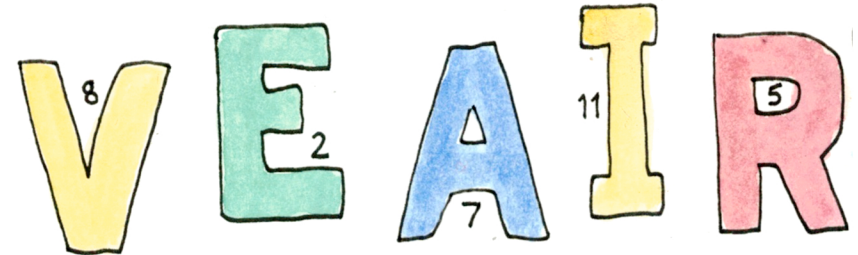
Answer to Word Find: Saint Helen

Answer to puzzle on front: He forgave him.

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What did the king in today's parable do to the servant who owed him much but asked for forgiveness?
Use the numbers to sort the letters and find out!

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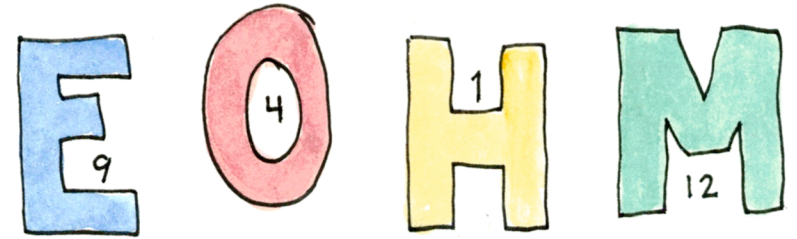
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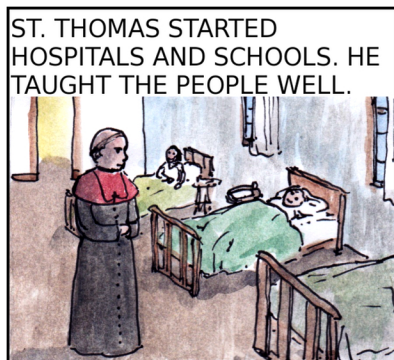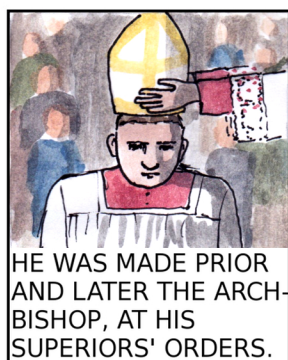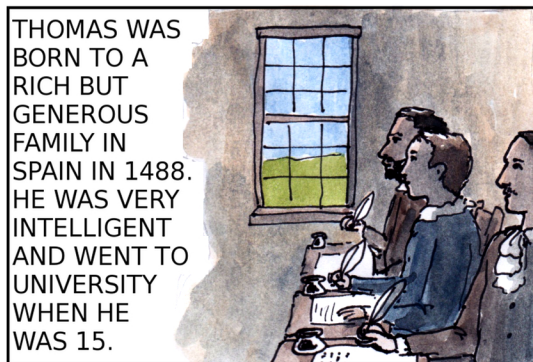## September 22

THOMAS WAS BORN TO A RICH BUT GENEROUS FAMILY IN SPAIN IN 1488. HE WAS VERY INTELLIGENT AND WENT TO UNIVERSITY WHEN HE WAS 15.

SOON HE HAD LEARNED SO MUCH THAT HE WAS MADE A PROFESSOR.

Welcome to our ranks, son!

BUT HE DECIDED TO BECOME AN AUGUSTINIAN MONK AND A PRIEST.

HE WAS MADE PRIOR AND LATER THE ARCHBISHOP, AT HIS SUPERIORS' ORDERS.

THE MONEY HE GOT IN THIS POSITION WAS GIVEN TO THE POOR.

Here. Go buy some potatoes for your family!

ST. THOMAS STARTED HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS. HE TAUGHT THE PEOPLE WELL.

Here, come in! I have a bed for you!

ST. THOMAS LIVED SIMPLY, WEARING AN OLD HABIT HE MENDED HIMSELF. WHEN HE WAS DYING HE GAVE HIS BED TO A POOR MAN. HE DIED AT AGE 77.

PEOPLE CRITICIZED ST. THOMAS BECAUSE HE WOULD GIVE TO ANYONE WHO ASKED, AND BECAUSE HE WAS GENTLE WITH SINNERS. BUT HE KNEW THAT HE COULD WIN MORE SOULS TO GOD BY BEING GENEROUS AND KIND. WE CAN IMITATE ST. THOMAS' GENEROSITY BY SHARING OUR GOOD THINGS.

The Unforgiving Servant
sort-out-the-pictures

What happened in today's parable?
Figure out the order of the story
and put the numbers from 1 to 6 in the boxes.

Forgive me, sir! No! You're going to prison.

Why didn't you forgive him? Throw him in prison!

You owe me money!

1 You owe me too much money. I will sell you to pay your debt!

Please forgive me! Alright. You may go.

The servant you forgave threw a debtor in prison!