Gen 4 Word of Life
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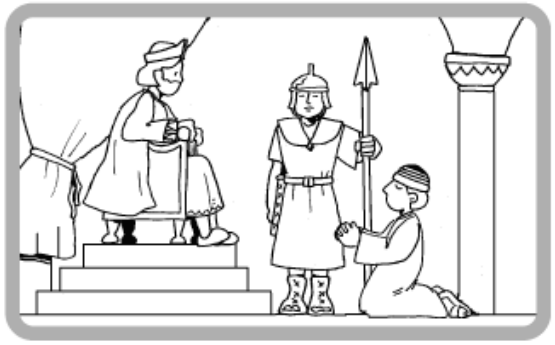
Let's forgive with all our heart!

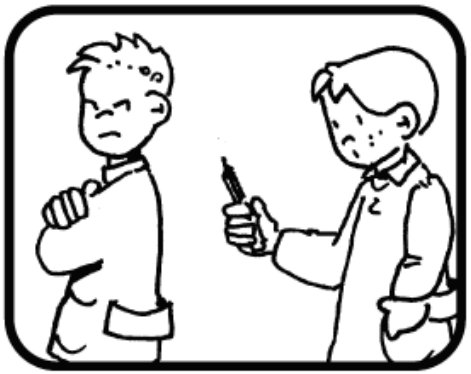
"I say to you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times." Mt 18:22

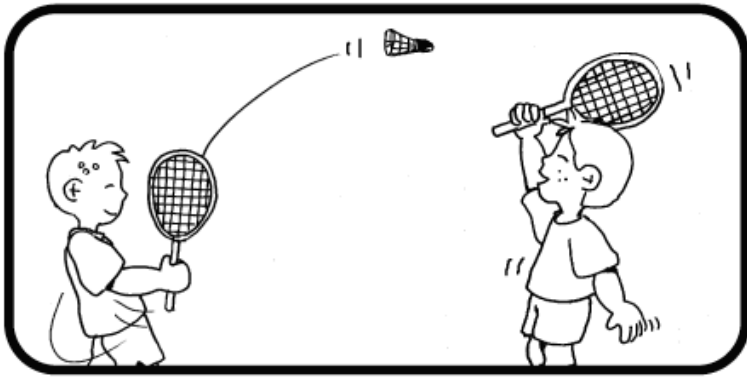
One day Jesus told Peter a story. He said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who asked his servants to give an account of their debts. The first one who came in owed him ten thousand coins. The servant threw himself on the ground and begged with the king, 'Be patient with me and I will pay back everything.' The king let him go and even



wiped out his debt. But as soon as that man left the palace, he saw a man who owed him ten coins. He grabbed him and started to choke him, telling him to pay what he owed. The man begged with him, but the first man would not listen and had him thrown into jail. The other servants were really upset about this and they went to tell the king. The king called the man and asked him, 'Shouldn't you have mercy on your companion just like I had mercy on you?' Then he threw him in prison as a payment for his debts. My Father in heaven will do the same with you, unless you forgive others with all your heart." In fact, God is merciful and always forgives us, and so we should be merciful and always forgive everyone.

Rayone from Brazil asked, "How can we love a person who doesn't want to be loved? I have a friend and we were playing soccer. When I kicked the ball, I caused him to trip. I told him I was sorry but he wouldn't forgive me. Then when we were in our classroom, he dropped his pencil and





I picked it up for him, but he wouldn't take it from me because he was still mad at me." Rayone thought about Jesus who told us to keep on loving even when it's hard, so he kept on loving his friend. Finally one day his friend agreed to play with him again.

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