

THE LORD'S PRAYER 2

RELATE

A remote island nation has contacted you about becoming their all supreme ruler. Your first decision is renaming the country after yourself. How should we call your new nation?

READ AND REFLECT

Read Matthew 18, then answer the following questions about verses 23-35.

- What is the most valuable gift you have ever received? What is the most expensive gift? What is the difference between *value* and *cost*?
- How much is the Kingdom of God worth? (*Hint: Check Matthew 13:44-45*)
- A *talent* was a form of money in Jesus' day. One talent was worth about 20 years' worth of wages for the average worker. 10,000 talents would be equal to millions of dollars. How do you think the servant is feeling after verse 25? How about after verse 27?
- How does the servant respond to the mercy shown to him by the king?
- Have you ever received mercy from someone, only to not pass it along to someone else?
- What was the king's response to the first servant's actions?
- How does this story relate to your own life? How does it change how you interact with your family? Your friends? People at school?

RESPOND

Choose one of the following resolutions to keep until the next class:

- Be quick to forgive people this week, even if they don't ask for forgiveness.
- Give up something you enjoy doing to spend some quiet time with God. Maybe it's your favorite television show or time online.

