

There were a LOT of numbers mentioned in our Bible story today. I want you to shape your Play-Doh® into different numbers as we talk about what happened.

Peter asked Jesus how many times he should forgive someone. Seven times? Can you make a seven with one of your snakes? *(Pause as kids shape their dough.)* Yes! Seven times.

Jesus answered, "Not seven times, but 77 times." Can you make another seven with the other snake? *(Pause as kids shape their dough.)* Set your two sevens next to each other to make the number "77." Good job.

Then Jesus told a story about a man who owed the king 10,000 bags of gold. I want you *(point to one kid)* to shape your dough into a "1" and the four of you *(point to four kids)* to make zeroes. *(Pause as the kids shape their dough.)* Lay your numbers on the plates, and let's line them up to make 10,000. Is 10,000 a little or a lot of gold? *(Pause.)* Yes, 10,000 bags of gold is A LOT!

What did the king do when the servant fell on his knees and asked for forgiveness? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes! The king forgave the debt so the servant didn't have to pay him back. The servant was SO happy.

But then, he went to another servant who owed him 100 silver coins. *(Remove two plates with the zeros to show 100.)* Is 100 silver coins LESS than 10,000 bags of gold? *(Pause for responses.)* YES! The man who had JUST been forgiven for a huge debt turned around and refused to forgive.

What to Do:

Print on paper, one for each small group.

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