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# FROM UR OF CALDEA TO BETHLEHEM OF JUDAH

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## Mission 4. Kings, prophets and slaves

### Challenge 2. Slaves



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*“Once the temple was destroyed and the city was conquered, the king of Babylon wanted to have at his service Israel educated and talented sons for the palace labours, among them was Daniel. He knew how to interpret the dreams which afflicted him at night, where the end of his kingdom was prophesied. But Nebuchadnezzar’s pride was spurred upon it and it led him to boast even more, until Yahveh punished him: «King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared that the kingdom has departed from you. You will be driven away from people to live with the wild animals, and you will feed on grass like cattle for seven periods of time, until you acknowledge that the Most High is ruler over human kingdoms, and he gives them to anyone he wants.” At that moment the message against Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled. He was driven away from people. He ate grass like cattle, and his body was drenched with dew from the sky, until his hair grew like eagles’ feathers and his nails like birds’ claws.» (Dan. 4:30).*



William Blake's Nebuchadnezzar

Nebuchadnezzar saw his disgrace come to an end at the moment he raised his eyes to the sky and recognised *“the one who reigns with eternal power”*, recovering his former condition.

### Group Role Play: Forgive and be forgiven

Two students must volunteer to take two heavy books, for example a dictionary. They will be asked to hold the book at the height of their shoulders with their arms completely extended all the time possible for them. When they start lowering their arms, they will be asked:

- Was it difficult to hold the weight up? How did you feel when the book started to weigh more and more?

- In what way is this similar to the way you feel when you have done something inappropriate to someone, but you haven't apologized for your actions?
- How did you feel when you could take the book down? In what way is this similar to the way you feel when you have been forgiven for something you did to someone?



- Taking into account that the existence of conflicts between people is something inevitable, we know that social relationships also help to transform individual ideas into acts which benefit everyone. Could we say that, if people learnt to forgive more easily there would be less violence and living together would be easier? Explain your answer.

**Which is the value of forgiveness? Remember and choose a sentence:**

- Forgiving does not mean to agree with what happened
- Forgiving is an expression of Love
- Forgiving does not mean that what happened does not matter
- Forgiving is leaving aside negative feelings
- Forgiving is accepting the facts
- Forgiving is recognising we are not infallible
- Forgiving helps you to be in peace with yourself
- Forgiving eliminates resentment
- Forgiving enables you to be forgiven
- Forgiving cures incurable wounds
- Forgiving is a willingful act

**(Explain your choice)**

**Forgiveness in the Bible. Forgiveness is in the base of Christianity.**

*"Then came Peter to him, and said: Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Until seven times? Jesus said to him: I do not say to you seven times, but until seventy times seven (Mt)".*

**What is the meaning of these quote from the Gospel?**