

Blessed are the Merciful...

Lesson Plan

Key Verses: *Matt 5:8, Matt 18:21-35*

Objectives:

 2's&3's -

- To learn how Jesus will forgive me when I do wrong.
- To learn how to forgive others.

 4's&5's -

- To learn how Jesus will forgive me when I do wrong.
- To learn how to forgive others.

 K & 1st -

- To learn the meaning of mercy.
- To learn how Jesus has mercy on me and forgive me when I do wrong.
- To learn how to forgive others as Jesus has forgiven me.

 2nd & 3rd -

- To learn the meaning of mercy.
- To learn how Jesus has mercy on me.
- To learn how to forgive others as Jesus has forgiven me.

 4th & up -

- To learn the meaning of mercy.
- To learn how Jesus has mercy on me.
- To learn how to forgive others as Jesus has forgiven me.

Application:

 2's&3's -

- I can forgive those who hurt me or do wrong to me.
- I can know Jesus will forgive me when I do wrong.

 4's&5's -

- I can forgive those who hurt me or do wrong to me.
- I can know Jesus will forgive me when I do wrong.

 K & 1st -

- I can forgive those who hurt me or do wrong to me.
- I can know Jesus will forgive me when I do wrong.

 2nd & 3rd -

- I can have Mercy for others.
- I can know that Jesus will have mercy on me.

 4th & up -

- I can have Mercy for others.
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Activities:

 2's&3's - Unforgiving Servant Puzzle (page 5)
Unforgiving Servant (color page) (page 6)
I can forgive (color page) (page 7)

 4's&5's - Unforgiving Servant Puzzle (page 5)
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 All Ages - Bible Journal Template (page 14-15)
Mercy (color page) (page 13)

The Beatitudes

Jesus tells us in the sermon on the mount in Matthew 5:7 that *Blessed are the Merciful for they shall receive mercy.* Later, Peter asks Jesus about forgiveness and mercy for others. Jesus then tells his disciples a parable about the unforgiving servant to help them understand mercy and forgiveness.



Blessed are the Merciful... (Matt 5:7, Matt 18:21-35)

One time, Peter asked Jesus how many times he should forgive his brother who does something wrong against him. Should he forgive him seven times? (Seven was considered an important amount and complete by the Jews.) But Jesus told him up to seven times seventy. (Which would be 490 times. But Jesus didn't mean an actual number, He meant as often as it was needed to forgive someone.) Then he explained with the following parable:

There was a king who called all his servants to him to settle their debts with him. One of the king's servants owed the king a great deal of money. However, he did not have the money to pay the king, so he asked the king to be patient and give him more time to repay the debt. The king felt bad, or had mercy, for his servant and told him he did not have to repay the money. The entire debt was forgiven.



Once the servant left, he went looking for a worker who owed him a very small amount of money. The worker begged him to be patient. But the servant, who had just been forgiven by the king, had this man thrown in jail. When the king heard how unkind his servant had been to the worker, he was angry. He told his servant, "Shame on you for treating your debtor this way, after all I did for you. Now you will go to jail, and you will pay me everything you owed me."



The king had mercy on his servant until the servant no longer shared that mercy with others. Mercy is undeserved or unearned forgiveness. But Jesus shows us that forgiveness or mercy is something we should have for others whether it is deserved or not. Everyone at some time has done something wrong and needs forgiveness. Jesus teaches that as we have mercy and forgive others Jesus will have mercy on us and forgive us. However, if we are like the unforgiving servant and do not forgive others then Jesus will not have mercy on us and forgive us when we have done wrong.

The Parable of The Unforgiving Servant



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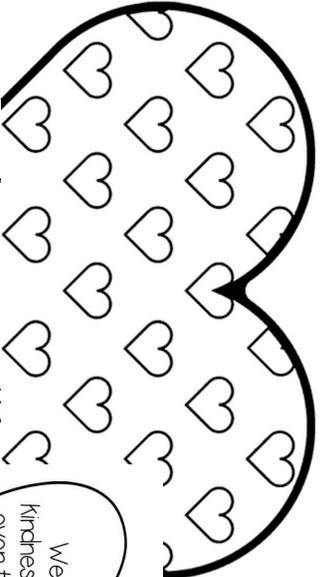
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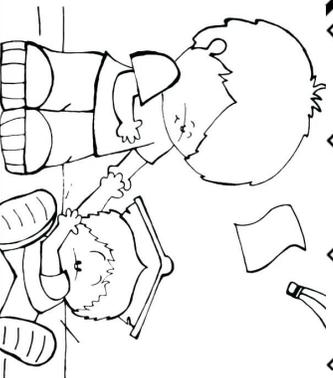
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even if they are not kind
to us.



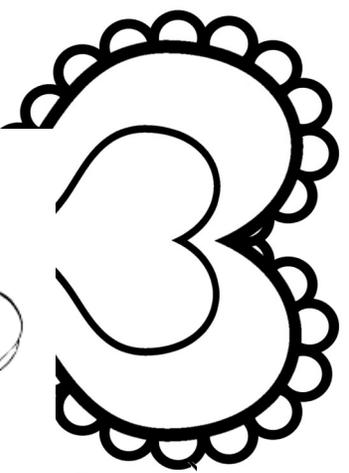
We do not want to hurt
them or get back at
them.



We feel love and
kindness for that person
even though they have
done something that
hurt us or made
us angry.



Coloring



We have to change our
angry feelings toward
that person to kind
feelings.



Blessed are the Merciful...

Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" (matt 18:21)

Match the words in the box with the correct definition.



1. _____ The number of times Peter thought you should forgive
2. _____ To seek an answer to a question
3. _____ A male who has the same parents as another person
4. _____ To excuse someone for an offense
5. _____ To break one of God's commandments
6. _____ One of Jesus' disciples
7. _____ To reply to a question
8. _____ The number of times Jesus said we should forgive

SEVEN
PETER

ANSWER
SIN

FORGIVE
ASK

SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN
BROTHER

Blessed are the Merciful...

The Unforgiving Servant

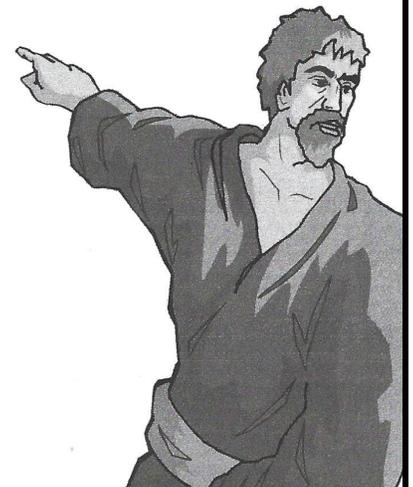
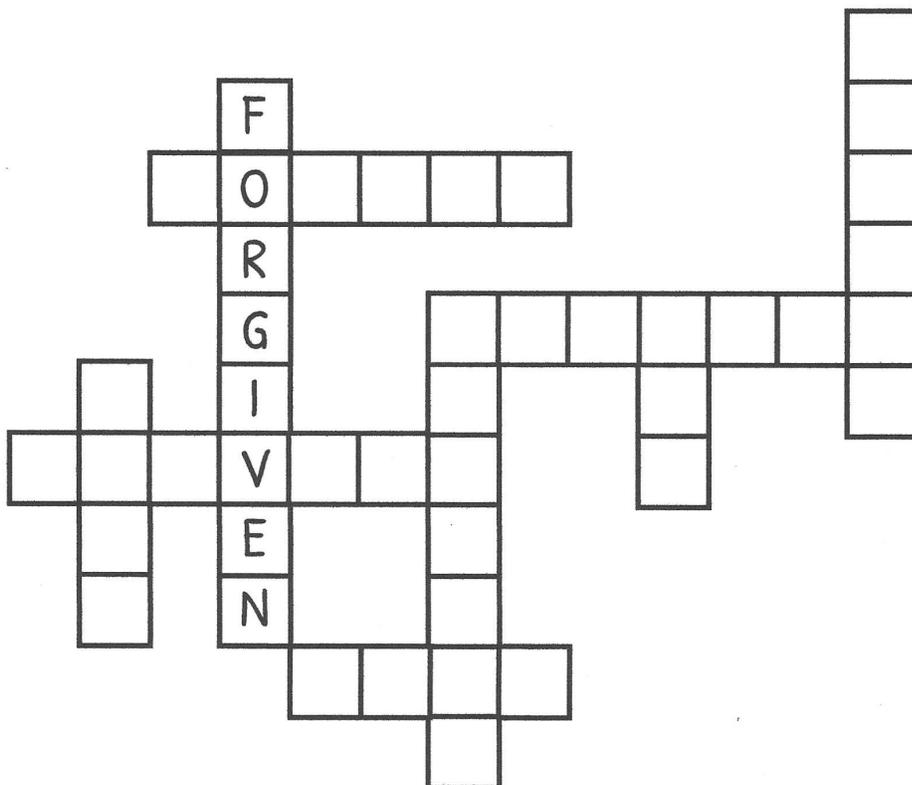
Read the parable of the two debtors told by Jesus in Matt 18:23-33 .
Then put the *gray* words from the parable into the crossword puzzle.

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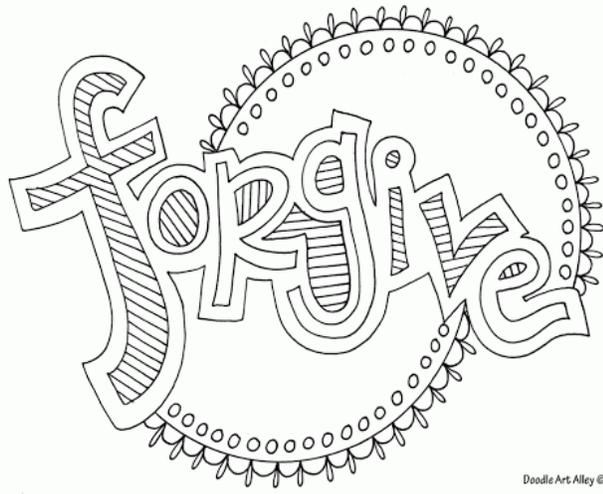
What good lessons we can learn from this parable. First, to treat others the way we would like to be treated, and second, to have a loving and forgiving heart.



Blessed are the Merciful...

On the lines write to the numbers in order to decode the verse.

“ _____



_____.”

6 will	24 Matt 18:35	16 heart	12 of	3 heavenly	8 to
23 trespasses	1 So	13 you	22 his	14 from	19 Forgive
10 if	15 his	18 not	2 My	9 you	7 do
21 brother	4 Father	11 each	17 does	5 also	20 his

Blessed are the Merciful...

To make Cootie Catcher:

1. Cut on the dotted lines
2. Fold in half and in half again on solid lines.
3. Open out, turn over so top is blank and fold each corner into the middle.
4. Turn over and repeat.
5. Turn over so you can see the pictures.
6. Slide your finger and thumb behind 2 of the pictures and press together so they bend around and touch.
7. Turn over and repeat.



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Others

1. Trust God to deal with the one who hurt you.

2. Don't get even. Get strong - God's way.

3. Clearly communicate your pain - then let it go.

4. Stop drinking the poison of bitterness.

5. Show kindness instead of meanness.

6. You don't need the hurt anymore. Give it to God.

7. Stop talking negatively about him/her.

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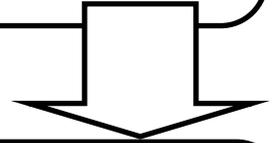
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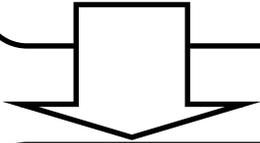
Who showed Mercy in our story?

(Matthew 18:21-35)



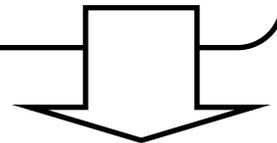
Who has God shown Mercy to?

(Psalm 86:5)

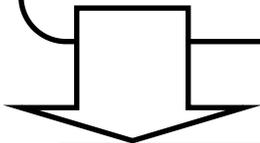


How did God show us Mercy?

(John 3:16, Titus 3:4)



Who should we show Mercy to?



Why should we show Mercy?

(Colossians 3:13, Luke 6:36)



Jesus
teaches
me to
f♥rgive.

Be kind,
and forgive one
another.

Theirs is the
Kingdom of
Heaven

They will be
comforted

They will
inherit the
earth

They will be
filled

They will be
shown Mercy

They will see
God

They will be
called sons of
God

Theirs is the
kingdom of
heaven

Blessed are
Poor in Spirit

Blessed are
those who
mourn

Blessed are
the Meek

Blessed are those
who hunger and
thirst for
righteousness

Blessed are
the Merciful

Blessed are
the Pure in
Heart

Blessed are
the
Peacemakers

Blessed are those
who are
persecuted for
righteousness

Building our Beatitudes

- * Cut on solid lines
- * Fold into middle on dotted lines
- * Add picture of Saul
- * Draw or Write ways you can mourn



We will be adding a picture and how we can show the beatitude each week. Activity page only needs to be printed once. A new picture to put on will be sent each week. See samples below.

Folded

Blessed are Poor in Spirit	Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven
Blessed are those who mourn	They will be comforted
Blessed are the Meek	They will inherit the earth
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness	They will be filled
Blessed are the Merciful	They will be shown Mercy
Blessed are the Pure in Heart	They will see God
Blessed are the Peace-makers	They will be called sons of God
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness	Theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Folded and Filled

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