

## GOD'S STICKY MERCY

***This free activity will stick in the children's memories as they participate in an activity about God's mercy.***

*by Leah Pittsinger*

### TOPICS:

Knowing God, Mercy

### MATERIALS:

Posterboard, black marker, self-stick note pads

### DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes



### PREPARATION:

Draw a body outline on the poster board (similar to that of a gingerbread man) and set it on the floor.

### WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Ask the children to sit with you in a circle around the poster. Then, place one sticky notepad between every two children. Explain that God is merciful and gives us second chances when we do bad things because He loves us. Instruct the class to pick up a sticky note every time you read a prompt and place the note somewhere on the poster to show that God's mercy "covers" our sin.

Say, "God's mercy covers me when..."

1. I don't share.
2. My words are mean or hateful.
3. I get angry.
4. I hit someone.
5. I disobey my parents.
6. I take a friend's toy.
7. I'm impatient.
8. I tease a friend.

Tell the children that we shouldn't keep doing bad things just because God is merciful. Explain that we should be thankful for His mercy because it protects us from the forever punishment of our sin (being separated from God when we die). Point out that the entire body on the poster is covered in sticky notes, just like our bodies are covered by God's mercy. Also, emphasize that God's mercy allows us to have a change of heart. When we repent or turn away from sin, we can join Jesus and follow Him.

**Timesaving Option:** Place several sticky notes on the poster ahead of time.

**Increased-Difficulty Option:** Ask the children to come up with additional times when God shows us mercy.

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## GOD IS RICH IN MERCY

**A Free Bible craft that reminds children of God's rich mercy.**

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### TOPICS:

Knowing God, Mercy

### MATERIALS:

Bible activity page [PDF] [Click here](#)

Construction paper, glitter paint

Sponge brush, jewel stickers, baby wipes

Marker, crayons (Optional)



### DURATION:

Approximately 15 minutes

### PREPARATION:

Before class print out an activity page for each child in class.

### WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Apply glitter paint to each child's hands and have students place their painted hands on the paper to create hand prints. Tell each child that God is rich in mercy to us, so we should also give second chances to people who hurt our feelings. Explain that God is merciful, and encourage the class to discuss their artwork with others as it relates to God's mercy.

**Timesaving Option:** Outline each child's hand with a marker and allow the children to use jeweled stickers or crayons instead of glitter paint to decorate their craft.

**Increased-Difficulty Option:** Allow the children to continue decorating their craft with crayons and jeweled stickers.

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GOD IS RICH IN MERCY

Ephesians 2:4-5

## THE UNMERCIFUL SERVANT

**The children will act out a story to remind them to be merciful.**

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### TOPICS:

Knowing God, Mercy

### MATERIALS:

None

### DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes



### PREPARATION:

Explain to the children that they will be acting out a story about a servant who was not merciful. Help them spread out across the room so they will have plenty of space to participate.

### WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Perform each prompt's action while telling the story and ask the children to copy your movements:

1. (*Sitting on your knees while holding your hands up in the air as if begging for mercy.*) There once was a servant who owed the king a lot of money and he couldn't repay it. He begged the king for mercy.
2. (*Proudly walk with your head held high.*) The king told the servant that he was going to sell his entire family as slaves to pay the debt. But then the king decided to give him a second chance; he forgave the servant instead of punishing him.
3. (*Pointing and shaking your finger with a mean face.*) After the king had shown the servant mercy, the servant called upon his friend who owed him money. The servant demanded that his friend repay him, but his friend couldn't. The servant was furious and had his friend arrested. Even though the servant had been in a similar situation where he had been shown mercy, he did not give his friend a second chance.
4. (*Crossing your arms with a stern face.*) The king heard that the servant had been unmerciful with his friend even though the servant had been given a second chance. The king was angry and threw the servant into jail.
5. (*Walking with a drooping head and shoulders.*) The servant was unkind and unmerciful even though he had been given a second chance.
6. (*Standing with open arms and a smiling face.*) God tells us in the Bible, Matthew 18, that we should give mercy to others because He is happy when He gives mercy to us.

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## ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

### LESSON 7: GOD IS MERCIFUL

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*This Sunday school lesson will help children understand that God is merciful and forgiving.*

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#### TOPICS

Forgiveness, Knowing God, Love, Mercy

#### AS KIDS ARRIVE (10 MINUTES)

**God's Sticky Mercy (Activity)** [Click here](#)

#### WORSHIP TIME (5 MINUTES)

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#### BIBLE VERSE (12 MINUTES)

**"You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy." Micah 7:18b NIV**

Prepare ahead of time by writing "MERCY" on 10-20 index cards and hiding them throughout the classroom. Then read the verse out loud with the children and explain that God gives us second chances when we do bad things because He loves us. Allow the class to search for the "MERCY" cards. Once all the cards have been found, if time allows, talk about the letters in the word "MERCY" and ask the children to say them in order with you. Lastly, read the verse one last time to the class.

#### BIBLE STORY (15 MINUTES)

##### Introduction:

Micah was one of God's messengers, or prophets, who warned the Hebrew people that God was going to punish them for their disobedience. However, God also said that all of His promises would come true, including the promise of a Savior, Jesus Christ. God's great mercy gave the Hebrew people another chance to obey and serve Him.

##### Read Micah 7:18 (God gives great forgiveness and mercy)

Tell the class that you have an important message and read the verse out loud by cupping your hands around your mouth. Then ask the children to say, "God is happy to give us mercy" by cupping their hands around their mouths to practice sharing the message. Tell the children that we should also be happy to give others a second chance to do the right thing.

##### Discussion Questions:

1. Does God stay angry forever? (*No.*)
2. How does God feel when He gives mercy? (*Happy or delightful.*)
3. How should we feel to give mercy? (*Happy or delightful.*)

##### Read Ephesians 2:4-5 (Jesus is God's greatest display of mercy)

Help the class understand that God gives us second chances, or mercy, because He loves us. Also, the most merciful thing He's ever done is give us Jesus.

##### Discussion Questions:

1. Why does God give us mercy? (*Because He loves us.*)
2. Who is Jesus and why do we need Him? (*He is our Savior who died to pay for our sins.*)
3. How do we accept Jesus, God's greatest gift of mercy? (*By asking God for forgiveness, believing in Jesus as God's son, and asking Him to save us from our sins.*)
4. What message about Jesus should we share with others? (*That He died for our sins and can save us.*)

##### Conclusion:

We know God is very merciful with us because He gives us second chances and sent His son, Jesus, to die for our sins. We can follow God's example by giving others second chances. Don't forget to tell others the message that God is merciful and Jesus died for our sins.

#### FUN TIME (15 MINUTES)

**God is Rich in Mercy (Craft)** [Click here](#)

#### ALTERNATE FUN TIME (10 MINUTES)

**The Unmerciful Servant (Activity)** [Click here](#)

#### PRAYER/SNACK (10 MINUTES)

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Start by praying to God and thanking Him for the mercy He gives us every day. Then serve the children crackers and small cups of water or juice. During the snack, talk about biblical examples of God's mercy, such as Jonah and the whale. Discuss God's mercy and how He wants everyone to know Him.

#### CLOSING ACTIVITY (10 MINUTES)

Remind the children that everyone can receive mercy and second chances from God.  
Say, "Raise your hand if..."

1. God gives you second chances (mercy).
2. Your parents give you second chances (mercy).
3. You can give second chances (mercy) to others.

Encourage the children by admitting that mercy is hard because we sin and do bad things. However, God gives us mercy and second chances, so we can also be patient and give second chances to others to show God's love.

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