



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5  
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus  
Unit 2, Lesson 7

## Jesus Teaches: Showing Mercy

Lesson Aim: To know we are blessed when  
we show mercy by forgiving others.

### THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "Forgive everyone."

### THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO SERVES

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the King who serves. That means He gives us what we need. Jesus taught the crowd about showing mercy (forgiving). To forgive is to no longer be angry with someone for the wrong thing he or she did. Jesus wants us to forgive everyone the way He forgives us.

How wide can you spread your arms? (All spread arms.) How long can you stretch your arms in front of you? (All reach arms forward.) How high can you reach? (All reach high.) How deep can you bend? (All squat down low.) Let's do those motions as we sing our new Bible Memory Verse Song. Sing: "How Wide?"

**OFFERING:** Collect the offering.

**WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION:** *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

### THE WORD BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO SHOW MERCY CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned that Jesus' face shone like the sun on the mountain. Today we'll learn what He taught a crowd about blessings from God. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Matthew 5:1.

### WATCH THE WORD: MATTHEW 5:1-2, 7

Read poem. Display visual.

- Jesus went up on the mountainside,
- And He sat right down.
- This is what He taught the crowd,
- That gathered all around.
  
- "Blessed are those who show mercy,
- For God's mercy they will see."
- When you show mercy that means you forgive.
- Blessed means happy you'll be!
  
- When you forgive everyone,
- In all you say and do,
- You'll be happy because you'll see
- God show the same to you!

What does Jesus want us to do about everyone who does wrong against us? (Forgive everyone.) Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together: "Forgive everyone." Include sign language or hand motions.

Jesus taught them a special word that means forgiveness. What was that special word? (Mercy.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Matthew 5:7 from teacher's Bible.

### THE WAY FORGIVE EVERYONE

**CRAFT:** Big Love – Big Hug

**GAMES:** Forgive Everyone; Pat, Pat, Hug

**SNACK:** Forgiving Hearts

**CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

**FINAL FIVE MINUTES**

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

### GOT TIME?

**SAY & DO:** Matthew 5:1-2, 7

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Circle of Love, How Big Is Jesus' Love?

**STORY TIME**