



# Jesus Teaches: Showing Mercy

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

## THE WORSHIP

**Who God is:** The King Who Serves

## THE WORD

**Bible Story:** Matthew 5:1-2, 7

**What He has done:** Jesus taught the crowd to forgive (show mercy).

## THE WAY

**Whisper Verse:** "Forgive everyone."

## BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

"How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ?" Ephesians 3:18

"His love endures forever." Psalm 100:5

## **Challenge Verse for older children:**

"If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."

"Come, follow Me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 16:24; 4:19

<b>Unit 2: The King Who Serves</b>			
	<b>Bible Story</b>	<b>What He Has Done</b>	<b>Lesson Aim</b>
7	Jesus Teaches: Showing Mercy, Matthew 5:1-2, 7	Jesus taught the crowd to forgive (show mercy).	To know we are blessed when we show mercy by forgiving others.
8	Jesus and Nicodemus: Part 1, John 3:1-5, 16	Jesus answers Nicodemus' questions about salvation.	To know God loves the world.
9	Jesus and Nicodemus: Part 2, John 3:1-5, 16	Jesus answers Nicodemus' questions about salvation.	To know Jesus gives eternal life to all who believe in Him.
10	Jesus and Zacchaeus: Part 1, Luke 19:1-10	Jesus came to seek Zacchaeus.	To know Jesus see us and calls each of us by name.
11	Jesus and Zacchaeus: Part 2, Luke 19:1-10	Jesus came to seek Zacchaeus.	To know Jesus came for you.

## TEACHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT

This week, read Hebrews 4:16. Please join us in praying, "Thank You, Lord, for the way You teach us and draw us to You. Fill us with Your Spirit that we might teach the children. Amen."



# THE WORSHIP THE WORD & THE WAY

Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
<b>THE WELCOME</b>	Up to 15	<b>Picture Schedule Cards</b>	Cards with picture illustrating the activities: WELCOME, WORSHIP, BIBLE, CRAFT, PRAYER, SNACK, GAMES, COLORING, GOING HOME. Envelope labeled FINISHED. Optional: To display schedule, use Velcro to attach laminated Picture Schedule cards to a felt board.
		<b>Treasure Chest</b>	Stamp or sticker of a heart above the earth
		<b>Whisper Verse</b>	Sign language for "Forgive everyone"
<b>THE WORSHIP</b>	Up to 20	<b>Worship</b> Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org.	<b>Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse Songs:</b> "How Wide?" or "Follow Me" <b>Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions:</b> "Be Still and Know" "Everyone Who Calls" "Guide Me" "His One and Only Son" "I Will Listen to the Lord" "It's Praise Time!" <b>Additional Hymn Suggestions:</b> "Oh, How I Love Jesus" "Jesus Loves the Little Children" <b>Additional Song Collection Suggestions:</b> Cedarhurst Toddler Bible Songs The Ultimate Bible Song Collection for Kids Vol. 1
		<b>Offering</b>	Baskets
		<b>Worship Illustration</b>	Kings & Kingdoms Lesson 7 Delbert & Lello or Kingdom Adventures script or storybook
<b>THE WORD</b>	Up to 10	<b>Watch the Word:</b> Matthew 5:1-2, 7	Teacher's Bible with bookmark at Matthew 5:7; Visual: Heart-shaped pillow or toy; Flannel board and figures: Jesus, crowd of people, mountainside
<b>THE WAY</b>	Up to 25	<b>Craft:</b> Big Love – Big Hug	Sturdy paper, standard-size envelopes, yarn, tape, crayons or markers, optional: heart stickers
		<b>Circle of Prayer or Lord's Prayer</b>	Lord's Prayer word and picture book
		<b>Snack:</b> Forgiving Hearts	Heart-shaped cookies or snack
		<b>Unit 2 Games:</b> "God Loves You" Sand Search	Bin of sand, heart-shaped toy, cross, small plastic mirror
		Freeze Dance	Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse Song "How Wide" or "Follow Me," CD player, optional: musical instruments
		"God Loves You" Ball Roll	Soft, textured ball used for rolling
		Circle of Love	None
		How Big is Jesus' Love?	One large sheet, cloth, or tarp
		Thumbs Up or Thumbs Down?	None, optional: hand puppet or finger puppets
	Act it Out	Bible times clothing or stick puppets of Jesus, crowd of people, Nicodemus, Zacchaeus in tree	
Final 5	<b>Final Five</b>	Access Daily Way: Unit 2, Lesson 7 Color This Story: "Jesus Teaches About Mercy"	

**RESOURCES:** Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



Forgive everyone

# THE WELCOME

## PICTURE SCHEDULE: WELCOME TIME

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Welcome each child as they arrive. **Hello \_\_\_\_\_ . I'm glad you are here! Come and see what we are going to do today.** Point to each card on the Picture Schedule board. **Today we will WELCOME everyone. We will read the BIBLE story and make a CRAFT. We will have PRAYER time and eat a SNACK. We will play GAMES and enjoy COLORING a picture about today's story.**

**Open the Treasure Chest to find today's treasure.** Child unlocks Treasure Chest to receive a sticker of a heart above the earth. **Let this sticker of a heart help you remember Jesus wants us to forgive everyone. Today's Whisper Verse is "Forgive everyone."** Teach the Whisper Verse in spoken language and in sign language below. **We call it the Whisper Verse so you can whisper it to others.\***

### SIGN LANGUAGE: "Forgive everyone."

For visual demonstrations, see [commtechlab.msu.edu/Sites/aslweb/browser.htm](http://commtechlab.msu.edu/Sites/aslweb/browser.htm).

**Each time we say today's Whisper Verse, let's say it with two hand motions:**

- "Forgive"** In a downward, sweeping motion, the left hand brushes across the upturned palm of the right hand.
- "everyone."** (Each + one) Right hand's "A" handshape (closed hand) moves down left hand's "A" handshape. Then raise right index finger.

Allow children to enjoy free play until everyone has arrived. **Let's sing the "Clean Up Song" as we put toys away before Praise Time.** Praise any child who helps. Allow several minutes for clean up.

**"Clean Up Song": Clean up! Clean up! Everybody, everywhere!  
Clean up! Clean up! Everybody do your share!**

Gather and seat children in Praise Time area.

**\*Today's Whisper Verse:** "Forgive everyone," Luke 11:4. The Whisper Verse is a tool to help the children learn a major point in the lesson. It is coupled with sign language or hand motions as a memory aid. The verse is not necessarily chosen from today's Bible story.



# Jesus as the King who serves

## THE WORSHIP

### **PICTURE SCHEDULE: WORSHIP TIME**

**WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME**

Choose a child to remove the WELCOME picture card and place it in the FINISHED envelope. **We have finished our Welcome Time. Now we will have our Worship Time.**

Children may worship in a large group setting with other classes, or in a quiet room with a worship CD or DVD.

**Teacher Tip:** To help children identify time set aside for worship, play "It's Praise Time!" as children move to a designated place for praise songs, offering and worship illustration. Children who are nonverbal may enjoy participating in songs by playing children's percussion instruments such as maracas, jingle bells, wood blocks or small tambourines. Children who are sensitive to sound may prefer to wear noise reduction headphones.

**It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the King who serves, which means He gives us what we need. In today's story, Jesus knew the crowd needed to learn about God. So, He sat down on a mountainside and taught them. Jesus taught them about showing mercy. Let's say the word "mercy" together. All say "mercy." To show mercy means to forgive. That is our Whisper Verse today!** Review Whisper Verse together: "Forgive everyone." Include sign language.



**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. He forgives us because He loves us. His love is so wide and long and high and deep that He will forgive us no matter what we have done!**

**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?"

**We can show Jesus we love Him when we pray, sing and give our offering. Let's do that now.** Play: "Oh, How I Love Jesus" as background music while collecting the offering.



**Let's see if our friends Delbert and Lello know what it means to show mercy.** Perform *The Adventures of Delbert and Lello* puppet script or read storybook: Kings & Kingdoms Unit 2, Lesson 7.\*



**Look around and see everyone here whom God loves and forgives. He loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to save us.** Sing: "His One and Only Son." **When you love Jesus, He forgives you, no matter what you have done. He forgives everyone who loves Him. Jesus loves everyone!** Sing: "Jesus Loves the Little Children."

\* May substitute Lesson 7 Kingdom Adventures script or storybook.



Blessed are those who show mercy

## THE WORD

### **PICTURE SCHEDULE: BIBLE TIME**

**WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME**

Choose a child to remove the WORSHIP picture card and place it in the FINISHED envelope. **We have finished our Worship Time. Now we will have our Bible Time.**

**Last time, we learned Jesus went up on the mountain where his face shone brightly and God's voice spoke from a cloud. Today, we'll learn about a time when Jesus went up on a different mountain and taught a crowd of people about blessings from God.** Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Matthew 5:7.

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

Read the points below or retell the passage in your own words using the points below as a general guide. To illustrate the story, have children assist by placing Bible Story figures on flannel board. Other visual options include a heart-shaped pillow or toy, craft sample, Color This Story, or a related picture.

- **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 those who do 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 a special word meaning forgiveness. What was it? (Mercy.) Let's find our answer in the Bible.** Read Matthew 5:7 from teacher's Bible. **To show mercy means to forgive. We are blessed when we forgive; God shows His forgiveness to us!**



## Blessings for forgiving **THE WAY**

### **PICTURE SCHEDULE: CRAFT TIME**

**WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME**

Choose a child to remove the BIBLE picture card and place it in the FINISHED envelope. **We have finished our Bible Time. Now it is Craft Time.**

### **CRAFT: BIG LOVE - BIG HUG**

**Purpose:** To challenge children to show the love of Christ through kindness and forgiveness.

**Supplies:** Colorful, sturdy, standard-size paper, standard-size envelopes, yarn, tape, crayons or markers, optional: heart stickers

**Prepare:** Cut a piece of colorful paper in two. From one half, cut two child-size handprints. On the other half write:

**Stretch my hands wide to show Jesus' love.  
Wrap my arms around you to feel my hug!**

**Optional:** For larger groups, teachers may wish to cut 36" lengths of yarn before class. Smaller groups may prefer to trace and cut out each child's handprints as they arrive.

**Teacher Tip:** If a child needs assistance, try the hand over hand technique by placing your hand over the child's hand to guide his or her movements. Always encourage artistic self-expression whenever possible.

#### **Directions:**

1. Child uses crayons, markers, stickers or craft decorations to decorate the envelope.
2. Teacher assists child in initialing his or her pair of handprints.
3. Child stretches his or her arms as wide as possible. Teacher measures and cuts a piece of yarn to match the distance from fingertip to fingertip of the child's outstretched arms.
4. Attach a handprint to each end of the yarn with tape.
5. Child places the pair of handprints connected with yarn and the note into the envelope.
6. If time allows, children may decorate the note before placing it in the envelope.

#### **Craft Discussion:**

- **Let's see how far apart you can spread your arms.** Children stretch their arms wide. **The love of Jesus is even bigger than that!**
- **When you forgive others, you show them how big Jesus' love is. Give the envelope to someone you know. Spread the hands apart to show them how big and wide the love of Jesus is. Then wrap the hands around them like a great big hug!**

# THE WAY *continued...*



## CIRCLE OF PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

### PICTURE SCHEDULE: PRAYER TIME

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Choose a child to remove the CRAFT picture card and place it in the FINISHED envelope. **We have finished our Craft Time. Now it is Prayer Time.**

**God made you and He cares for you. He loves to hear you pray with private words or words you say out loud. Let's fold our hands and close our eyes. As I lift up your name to God in heaven, I will lay my hand on your shoulder. Let's pray together.**

**Dear God, thank You for making us and loving us. We lift up to You a special prayer for \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ (say every name). We pray for our families and friends. Thank You for teaching us how to love one another. Amen.** You may add the Lord's Prayer with the word picture book.

### PICTURE SCHEDULE: SNACK TIME

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Choose a child to remove the PRAYER picture card and place it in the FINISHED envelope. **We have finished our Prayer Time. Now it is Snack Time.**

### SNACK: FORGIVING HEARTS

**Purpose:** Children enjoy a heart-shaped snack as they discuss forgiving everyone.

**Snack Suggestion:** Heart-shaped cookies or snack

**Teacher Tip:** It is important to keep accessible a record of all dietary restrictions and allergies. Some parents may prefer to bring their child's snack. Depending on the dietary needs of your classroom, you may determine it best to omit snack time completely.

#### **Directions:**

1. Serve snack and drink.
2. **Let's sing the "Blessing Song."** Sing to the tune of "Frere Jacques" or other familiar tune.  
**God our Father, God our Father. Once again, once again.**  
**Thank You for our blessings. Thank You for our blessings. Amen. Amen.**
3. Lead discussion below while children enjoy their snack.
  - **Who remembers our Whisper Verse?** Choose a child to demonstrate motions to Whisper Verse: "Forgive everyone."
  - **When we are sorry for hurting someone, what do we say to that person?** ("I am sorry. Please forgive me.") **What do we say to Jesus?** ("I am sorry. Please forgive me.")
  - **What kinds of things have you done that you need to ask God's forgiveness?** (Children respond.) **Let's all ask Jesus together to forgive us for these wrongdoings.** All repeat prayer: **"Jesus, I'm sorry. Please forgive me. Thank You. Amen."**
  - **Tell me one way you can show someone you forgive them.** (Say "I forgive you," hug, pat, smile, give a gift, etc.)
  - **Jesus always forgives us when we are truly sorry. He does this because He loves us all very much.**

# THE WAY (GAME OPTIONS) *continued...*

## **UNIT 2 GAME OPTIONS**

Choose one or more of the activities below. Play until the final five minutes of class then proceed to Final Five.

### **PICTURE SCHEDULE: GAMES TIME**

**WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME**

Choose a child to remove the SNACK picture card and place it in the FINISHED envelope. **We have finished our Snack Time. Now is our time to play Games.**

### **GAME: "GOD LOVES YOU" SAND SEARCH**

**Purpose:** This sand sifting activity soothes children. The love theme can be used to introduce Jesus' teaching on forgiveness (Lesson 7), and God's love (Lesson 8-11).

**Supplies:** Bin or container of clean sand, heart-shaped item, cross, small plastic mirror

**Prepare:** Place all items beneath the surface of the sand.

#### **Directions:**

1. Children take turns reaching into the sand in search of the objects.
2. Teacher and children discuss each object, as it is located.
3. When all objects have been located, display them together on a tabletop or on the surface of the sand.
4. Children place the items in order (cross + heart + mirror) as symbols for the phrase: "God loves you."

### **GAME: FREEZE DANCE!**

**Purpose:** Children listen carefully as they dance to the Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse Song.

**Supplies:** Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse Song "How Wide" or "Follow Me," CD player, optional: musical instruments

**Let's listen carefully to our Bible Memory Verse Song. Dance or play along until the music stops, then stop by "freezing" in place! We will all start and stop together.**

#### **Directions:**

1. Play the Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse song "How Wide" or "Follow Me" and encourage children to dance or play instruments.
2. Stop the music and remind the children to "freeze" (stop in place).
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2.

### **GAME: "GOD LOVES YOU" BALL ROLL**

**Purpose:** This game reminds the children they are each loved by God.

**Supplies:** Soft, textured ball used for rolling

#### **Directions:**

1. Children sit in a circle.
2. Teacher rolls the ball to a child and says,  
"(Child's name), (child's name), **God loves you.**  
**Roll it to a friend to show God loves them, too!"**
3. Teacher assists child in choosing another child and rolling the ball to that child.
4. Repeat chant to each child as he or she receives the ball.
5. Be sure each child has a turn receiving and rolling the ball.

# THE WAY (GAME OPTIONS) *continued...*

## **GAME: CIRCLE OF LOVE**

**Purpose:** To help children memorize and review the Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse.

**Supplies:** None

**Can you show me how big Jesus' love is?** Encourage children to show the size of Jesus' love with their arms. **Let's learn our new Bible Memory Verse. Our verse tells us how big Jesus' love is!**

### **Directions:**

1. Form a circle and hold hands.
2. Say the Bible Memory Verse together while doing the corresponding actions:

<b>"How wide and long</b>	Stretch circle outward.
<b>and high</b>	Hold each other's hands high to sky.
<b>and deep</b>	Hold each other's hands low to ground.
<b>is the love of Christ."</b>	Let go of hands and hug arms over chest.
<b>"His love endures forever."</b>	Hold hands again and walk in a circle.

## **GAME: HOW BIG IS JESUS' LOVE?**

**Purpose:** Children move a sheet to discover the meaning of the Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse.

**Supplies:** One large sheet, cloth, or tarp

**Jesus loves all children. That means He loves you! Let's see how big Jesus' love is.**

### **Directions:**

1. Spread the sheet on the floor in the center of the room.
2. Children stand in a square around the sheet.
3. Children pick up the sheet by the edges. **Pull on the sheet until it is tight. See how wide and long the sheet is? Jesus' love for you is even wider and longer!**
4. **Take one giant step into the square. Hold the sheet as high as you can reach. See how high the sheet is? Jesus' love for you is even higher!**
5. **Now let's lower the sheet to the ground. See how low the sheet is? Jesus' love for you is even deeper!**
6. **Move into the middle and squeeze together as close as you can. Jesus will be close to you forever. He will love you forever!**

## **GAME: THUMBS UP OR THUMBS DOWN?**

**Purpose:** This nonverbal true-false game helps children master the Bible story or Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse.

**Supplies:** None, optional: hand puppet or finger puppets

### **Directions:**

1. Teacher or puppet retells today's Bible story, or Bible Memory Verse, pausing after each phrase to say "Thumbs up or thumbs down."
2. If retelling the Bible story, read it in phrases. For some phrases, state accurate story facts. For other phrases, replace story facts with silly facts. For example, say **"Jesus told Nicodemus God loved the world. Thumbs up or thumbs down?"** (Children respond with thumbs up.) **"Jesus climbed the tree with Zacchaeus. Thumbs up or thumbs down?"** (Children respond with their thumbs down.)
3. If reviewing the Bible Memory Verse, read it in phrases. For some phrases, read it correctly. For other phrases, replace a word with a word that makes no sense. For example, say **"Come, follow Me. Thumbs up or thumbs down?"** (Children respond with thumbs up.) **"I will make you fishers of whales. Thumbs up or thumbs down?"** (Children respond with their thumbs down.)

# THE WAY (GAME OPTIONS) *continued...*

## **GAME: ACT IT OUT**

**Purpose:** To help learn the Unit 2 stories, children act them out in costumes or with stick puppets.

**Supplies:** Bible times clothing or pictures of the following characters attached to craft sticks: Jesus, crowd of people, Nicodemus (man), Zacchaeus (very short man in a tree)

**Directions:** With each phrase, teacher says phrase and acts it out with hand motions, then repeats same phrase and motions with children, or children wear costumes and act it out, or children hold craft sticks with characters. You may choose one or more stories.

### **JESUS TEACHES: SHOWING MERCY**

- **Jesus went up on the mountainside,** (Walk in place.)
- **And He sat right down.** (Sit down.)
- **This is what He taught the crowd,** (Point finger as if teaching.)
- **That gathered all around.** (Point to everyone in the room.)
- **"Blessed are those who show mercy,** (Left hand brushes off right palm.)
- **For God's mercy they will see."** (Point to heaven.)
- **When you show mercy that means you forgive.** (Left hand brushes off right palm.)
- **Blessed means happy you'll be!** (Smile and clap.)
- **When you forgive everyone,** (Left hand brushes off right palm.)
- **In all you say and do,** (Open arms wide.)
- **You'll be happy because you'll see** (Smile and point to eyes.)
- **God show the same to you!** (Point to heaven.)

### **JESUS AND NICODEMUS**

- **There once was a man named Nicodemus.** (Fists on hips.)
- **He came at night to talk to Jesus.** (Cup hands around mouth to speak.)
- **He said, "You come from God, we know,** (Point to heaven.)
- **Because that is what your miracles show."** (Palms up.)
- **Jesus taught him about a brand new start** (Raise index finger.)
- **That comes when Jesus is in our heart.** (Both hands on heart.)
- **Jesus said, "God so loved everyone** (Point to everyone.)
- **That He sent His One and only Son."** (Point to heaven.)
- **Whoever believes in Jesus** (Both hands on heart.)
- **Will live forever with Him.** (Point to heaven.)
- **Believers start a brand new life,** (Fold hands in prayer.)
- **As if we were born again.** (Pretend to rock baby in arms.)

### **JESUS AND ZACCHAEUS**

- **Zacchaeus lived in Jericho;** (Hands on hips.)
- **He was rich and very short.** (Bend knees to be shorter.)
- **When he heard Jesus was coming,** (Cup hand at ear.)
- **He wanted to see the Lord.** (Use fists as binoculars.)
- **He had to climb up in a tree,** (Pretend to climb a tree.)
- **To see above the crowd.** (Stand on tip toes.)
- **Jesus called his name,** (Cup hands at mouth to call.)
- **"Zacchaeus, you come down.** (Point to ground.)
- **I'm staying at your house today."** (Point as if pointing to a person.)
- **So Zacchaeus climbed down the tree.** (Pretend to climb down.)
- **Jesus had come for Zacchaeus,** (Point to heaven.)
- **And He came for you and me.** (Point to someone and then to self.)

# THE WAY (GAME OPTIONS) *continued...*



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

## **FINAL FIVE MINUTES**

### **PICTURE SCHEDULE: COLORING TIME**

**WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME**

Choose a child to remove the GAMES picture card and place it in the FINISHED envelope. **We have finished our Game Time. Now is our time for coloring the picture of today's story.**

**COMPLETED CRAFT:** Take home your "Big Love - Big Hug" craft. Give it to someone you know to show them how big and wide God's love is. Show them how to wrap themselves in your big hug!

**ACCESS VERSION OF THE DAILY WAY:** Distribute Access Ministries version of the Daily Way, if available. Show the Daily Way to your family. Tell them Jesus taught us to show mercy: to forgive.

**COLOR THIS STORY:** "Jesus teaches about mercy." Discuss Bible Story and play Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse song "How Wide?" or "Follow Me" as children color. As coloring is completed or parents arrive:

### **PICTURE SCHEDULE: GOING HOME**

**WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME**

Choose a child to remove the COLORING picture card and place it in the FINISHED envelope. **We have finished our Coloring Time. Now it is time for Going Home.**

#### **THE DAILY WAY**

Unit 2, Access Lesson 7: Jesus Teaches: Showing Mercy

**PONDER!** Read Matthew 5:1-2, 7 with your family. On the mountainside, Jesus taught that those who show mercy will be shown mercy by God. To show mercy means to forgive. We are blessed and happy when we forgive everyone. When have you been blessed by forgiving someone?

**PRAY!** Pray this prayer each day this week: "Lord, thank You for forgiving us. Please help us to forgive everyone. Amen."

**PLAY!** Sit down with friends or family on a small hill outdoors or on sturdy boxes. Pretend you are sitting on a mountainside, as Jesus did, teaching about showing mercy. Say our Whisper Verse: "Forgive everyone." Show your family the Whisper Verse sign language or hand motions. Teach them that to show mercy means to forgive. Blessed are those who show mercy!

**Today's Whisper Verse:** "Forgive everyone."

**Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse:** Ephesians 3:18, Psalm 100:5  
"How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ?"  
"His love endures forever."

**Unit 2 Bible Memory Challenge Verse:** Matthew 16:24; 4:19  
"If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."  
"Come, follow Me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."