



BIBLE STORY REVIEW

BIBLE STORY: THE UNMERCIFUL SERVANT

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles.

WHAT YOU DO:

- DIRECT** kids to find Matthew 18:21-35 in their Bibles. They should use their Bibles to answer the questions.

WHAT YOU SAY: In Jesus' parable, it seems a bit silly that the servant refused to forgive the other servant who owed him money. The king punished the servant when he didn't show mercy after he had received mercy. In our own lives, we tend to hold back mercy toward others even though we want to receive mercy for ourselves. We often expect other people to be more merciful than we are willing to be. Jesus showed in His parable that when we refuse to offer mercy to those who have wronged us, it shows we don't really understand how great God's mercy to us is. God shows mercy to us so that we will show mercy to others. When we experience God's mercy, it will flow through us and into the lives of the people around us as we show them mercy.

Ask the following review questions:

- How many times did Jesus say to forgive someone? (seventy times seven times, Matt. 18:22)
- In the parable, how many silver coins did the servant owe the king? (fifty million, or 10,000 talents; Matt. 18:24)
- What did the servant ask the king to do? (give him more time, Matt. 18:26)
- What did the king do for the servant? (The king forgave him, Matt. 18:27)
- How many silver coins did the man owe the servant? (one hundred, Matt. 18:28)
- What did the man ask the servant to do? (give him more time, Matt. 18:29)
- What did the servant do to the man who owed him money? (put him into jail, Matt. 18:30)
- Why was the king angry? (The king forgave the servant what he could never repay, and the servant did not forgive the small amount; Matt. 18:32-33)
- Who paid the debt for our sin? (Jesus, Rom. 4:25)
- Why can we forgive others? (God has greatly forgiven us, Eph. 4:32)

BIG PICTURE Q & A

Q: Why did Jesus tell parables?

A: Jesus told parables to teach people about God and His kingdom

WHAT YOU DO:

Our big picture question is “**Why did Jesus tell parables?**” Have the group share their answers. Then read the answer together. “**Jesus told parables to teach people about God and His kingdom.**”

MEMORY VERSE

“When He went ashore, he saw a large crowd and had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Then he began to teach them many things.”

Mark 6:34

WHAT YOU NEED:

No supplies needed.

WHAT YOU DO:

Read the memory verse below, challenge the kids to create their own hand motions to help them remember the memory verse! Ask them to repeat it and do the new hand motions together!

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ACTIVITY TIME

CRAFT TIME: STORYBOOK

WHAT YOU NEED:

Story Booklet and Crayons.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Pass** out one storybook template, and crayons per child.
- Encourage** them to decorate their storybook and ask them if there is anything that makes their story special! How many siblings do they have? What is their favorite color? What is their favorite thing to do?

WHAT YOU SAY:

“In today’s Bible story we learned that a **parable** is a story! Today you created your own storybook. Each of

us has a unique story, but there is one thing that is the same! We are all loved by God!"

LEADER GUIDE OPTION 2

SERMON ENGAGEMENT: SERMON NOTES [ELEMENTARY FRIENDLY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Sermon Notes Template, Pen, Pencil, or Crayons.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Before** service begins, **pass** out the Sermon Notes Template and a pen/pencil/crayon to each child.
- Encourage** them to follow along and fill in their notes page.

WHAT YOU SAY:

Share what was one of your favorite parts of today's service. Do you have questions about anything?

SERMON ENGAGEMENT: ACTIVITY PAGES [PRESCHOOL FRIENDLY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool Activity Page, and Crayons.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Pass** out the Preschool Activity page. Look at the stacks of coins, circle the one with the most. Then review the Bible story on the side of the page and show them the coloring page to help remember today's Bible story!

WHAT YOU SAY: "We learned today about another parable! Remember, Jesus used parables, or stories to teach us more about God! In today's parable we learn about forgiveness."