



Disciples Of Jesus Show Mercy!

From Winter Extreme
Lesson 5

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - MERCY

Great leaders respect authority.

LEADERSHIP GOAL

Your children will learn that it is better to show mercy than to make people suffer the consequences of their actions.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

The Unforgiving Debtor -
Matthew 18:23-35

WHAT DO I DO?

Have your children watch the Leadership Video, *Disciples of Jesus Show Mercy*.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THIS LESSON:

- Have your children read the Leadership Lesson, found in Matthew 18:23-35.
- Have your children complete the Leadership Questions.
- Watch the Leadership Video as a family.
- Do the Optional Family Activity.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: CLOTHED WITH MERCY

Get some fabric markers and decorate shirts for each family member. Each shirt should have the reference or text of the memory verse, Colossians 3:12.

Let your children practice on some paper first and come up with a design for the shirt. It could be someone asking for forgiveness from someone else. It could be the word mercy with some decorations around it. It could even be just a pretty design.

While working on the shirts remind your family of the memory verse and that we should "clothe ourselves" with mercy. Point out that people can see our clothing without us saying anything. In the same way we should be clothed with mercy so that people can see mercy from us without having to ask for it.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience."

Colossians 3:12 (NLT)



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Read the Bible Lesson of the Unforgiving Debtor in Matthew 18:23-35. Then watch the Leadership Video and answer the questions below.

1. In today's Bible Lesson, how much money did the servant owe the king?
 - A. Hundreds.
 - B. Thousands.
 - C. Millions.
 - D. Nothing.

2. What could happen to people if they weren't able to pay back money they owed?
 - A. They could be sold into slavery.
 - B. They could be sent to the grocery store.
 - C. They could be put into a tent.
 - D. They could be tied to a tree.

3. The servant couldn't pay back what he owed. When he begged for mercy, what did the king do?
 - A. The king threw him in jail.
 - B. The king showed mercy and forgave the debt.
 - C. The king gave him more time to pay back the money.
 - D. The king loaned him even more money.



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4. When the servant found the man who owed him money, what did he do?
 - A. He showed mercy like the king had shown to him.
 - B. He beat him up.
 - C. He threw him in prison.
 - D. He gave him more time to pay back the money.

5. What did the king do when he found out that the servant did not forgive the man his debt?
 - A. Sent him away until his debt was paid.
 - B. Laughed at him until his debt was paid.
 - C. Made him live in a tent until his debt was paid.
 - D. Put him in prison until his debt was paid.

God showed us mercy by forgiving us and by taking away the consequences for our sins by dying on the cross. If God is willing to show us mercy like that, then we should be willing to show mercy to others as well.

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Answer Key

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1. C
2. A
3. B
4. C
5. D