

**BIBLE STORY:**

Matthew
18:21-35

NEED TO KNOW:

I'm blessed
when I show
mercy.

HAPPENING NOW!

Current series:
Crowned!

As children of the King, God has blessings in His kingdom for us as we have the attitudes Jesus tells us to have in Matthew 5.

Let parents know the take-home page each week is a family resource that goes along with the message they heard this morning in their worship service.

WELCOME kids to class! Ask them how they're doing and listen to what they share!

SCHEDULE:

<u>K – 2nd</u>		<u>3rd & Surge</u>	
<u>9:00</u>		<u>9:00</u>	
8:45-9:30	Small Group	8:45-9:30	Small Group
9:30	Travel to Room 111	9:30	Travel to Room 111
9:35-9:55	Worship	9:35-9:55	Worship
9:58-10:05	Prayer & Wrap-Up	9:58-10:05	Prayer & Wrap-Up
<u>10:30</u>		<u>10:30</u>	
10:15-11:00	Small Group	10:15-11:00	Small Group
11:00	Travel to Room 111	11:00	Travel to Room 111
11:05-11:25	Worship	11:05-11:25	Worship
11:28-11:35	Prayer & Wrap-Up	11:28-11:35	Prayer & Wrap-Up

NOTE TO LEADERS: Today through Oct. 31, our worship time downstairs will not include the Bible story video; you will have the option to show the Bible Story video in the classroom instead.

GET STARTED**SUPPLIES:**

- Dice, coins, bean bag, bucket

WHAT TO DO:

- As kids arrive, tell them they are playing the game, “How Many Times?” You will give kids different tasks to do to see how many times they can do it. Possible tasks are: How many times they can roll a certain number on the dice; how many times in a row they can flip a coin and it land on heads; how many times can they hop on one foot; how many times can they toss a bean bag into a bucket from a starting line; how many push-ups or sit-ups can they do? Ask if anyone can do one of those tasks 490 times in a row without messing up?
- **To begin class**, have kids put supplies away.
- **Were you able to do any of those things 490 times? In our teaching from the Bible today, Jesus told Peter to forgive his brother over and over – even 490 times! When we forgive others when they do something wrong and we are willing to let it go, we are showing them mercy. When we show mercy Jesus promises to bless us by showing us mercy and forgiving us! That's what we need to know today:**

I'm blessed (thumbs to chest)

when I show mercy. (extend arms out palms up)



MEMORY VERSE:

Great blessings belong to those who know they are spiritually in need. God's kingdom belongs to them.

Matthew 5:3

BIBLE STORY

Before you teach the Bible story, pray out loud with the kids and ask God to show them what He wants them to learn about Him in the story.

SUPPLIES:

- Bible Story Cards, [Bible Story video](#)*

WHAT TO DO:

- ASK: Today we're reading in the book of Matthew. Is Matthew in the Old or New Testament? (New Testament)
- If time allows, show kids how to find the book of Matthew in the Bible.
- After reading the Bible Story Cards, ask the questions below.
- *You may also show the [Bible Story video](#) on the Harborside Kids YouTube channel. Look for "Crowned Wk5 Elem."

DISCUSS:

- **How did the king treat the servant who owed him a lot of money?** (he had mercy on him and forgave the amount of money he owed.)
- **How do we know God wants us to forgive others and give them mercy?** (Jesus told the story to show us what God wants us to do and the attitude he wants us to have.)
- **How did God show mercy and forgiveness to us?** (through Jesus dying on the cross so our sins could be forgiven)
- **What about if someone doesn't say they're sorry, should we still forgive them?** (Yes! We are obeying God and showing Him we love Him when we forgive others and show mercy.)
- **Let's add today's Need to Know to the wall.** (For 9am classes, add it to the wall; 10:30 classes will read it from the wall.)

PRAY

Dear God, you love blessing us in so many ways. Help me to show mercy to others and to forgive others even if they don't ask for forgiveness. Help us to be more like Jesus Amen.

MEMORY VERSE

SUPPLIES:

- Memory Verse poster

WHAT TO DO:

- Read the Memory Verse out loud with the kids several times. Talk about what it means and ask for volunteers to say it from memory.



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HEARTS OF MERCY

SUPPLIES:

- Hearts for the walls: Place one heart on one wall, two hearts on the next wall, three hearts on the next wall and four hearts on the last wall; **Easy or Hard List**

WHAT TO DO:

- Let kids know you will call out things that someone might do that could hurt others. When they hear it, they will each decide if it would be easy or hard to forgive someone who did that to them. One heart means really hard to forgive or show mercy, two means kind of hard; three means kind of easy, and four hearts means really easy to forgive and show mercy.
- Read from the Easy or Hard List one at a time and allow kids to go and stand at the wall – easy (4 hearts) to hard (1 heart) that represents their answer.
- Have kids sit down then discuss:

DISCUSS:

- Why are some things easier to forgive than others?
- How do you feel when you need to say you're sorry?
- Is it easy for you to say you're sorry?
- Who always forgives us? (God!)
- When we forgive others, we are showing them mercy just like God forgives us and shows us mercy. It's not always easy, but we know it's what God wants us to do and He will help us. And we will be blessed when we forgive others!

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

WHAT TO DO:

- Invite kids to share a prayer request or a praise – something they are thankful to God for. You can write prayer requests on the chalkboard or bulletin board (K) along with praises.
- As kids are picked up, give them a “This week I will pray for..” paper of another child's name to pray for during the week.

EXTRA TIME?

- Play Hangman with words from the Bible story.
- Play Pictionary and have kids draw things you might find in a castle for the others to guess

PRAYER PALS

As kids arrive, write each child's name on a Prayer Pals slip to give to children as they are dismissed.

HARBOR BUCKS

The Harbor Bank is open every Sunday for kids to redeem their Harbor Bucks.

Leaders - you may give out Harbor Bucks to kids who

1. Bring their Bible
2. Bring a friend or for first-time friends
3. Say the memory verse
4. Show helpfulness