

# This Week's Big Idea

## God is MERCY

What is mercy? Mercy is when God does not give us the punishment that we deserve.

Exodus 34:6-7



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Take Home Paper

### Today we learned:

**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:** • Jesus told a story to some people who thought they were better than everyone else.

- A Pharisee and tax collector prayed in the temple.
- The Pharisee thanked God for not being like the tax collector. The tax collector prayed and asked God for mercy.
- Jesus said God forgave the tax collector. God honors the humble.

### BIBLE VERSE

“The Lord, is a compassionate & gracious God , slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.”

(Exodus 34: 6-7)

### FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Re-enact the story with one family member as the religious leader and another as the tax collector. Discuss the temptation to think of yourself as better than others.

Ask God for forgiveness and pray for a changed heart to see that all people are equally valuable in God's eyes.



# Prayers for Forgiveness

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Color the page and write some short prayers asking God for forgiveness.



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## Next Week:

Next Week, we are reading

1 Kings 12-13

Read it together as a Family!

## Christ Connection

The tax collector knew he needed God to forgive him, and he cried out to God.

Everyone is a sinner who needs God's mercy and forgiveness.

Jesus took the punishment for our sin by dying on the cross. We can cry out to God like the tax collector and because of Jesus, God will have mercy on us.