

## Happy are the Merciful (Kids)

Today we're going to talk about mercy. Mercy seems like an old person's word. But it's not. Let's go to the dictionary.

### **Mercy is not punishing someone who deserves it.**

For example, when your younger brother is bugging you instead of yelling at him or telling on him you invite him to play with you. That's mercy. Or when your friend takes something of you instead of telling the teacher you just let him keep it. That's mercy.

### **Mercy says, "I could punish you, but I choose not to."**

It's like when you disobey your parents and you should be grounded, but they just talk to you and they decide not to punish you. That's mercy.

### **Mercy is forgiving someone instead of making them feel bad.**

It's like when your friend breaks your favorite video game and you just say "\_\_\_that's O.K. It was an accident." And you still let them play your other games. That's mercy. If it was me, I probably make them buy me a new game. That's not mercy!

### **Mercy is making a habit of being nice.**

It's like when you have friends over to play. You ask them what they want to do and you do what they want, not just what you want. Have you ever be merciful? Jesus said this:

**Matthew 5:7** Happy are those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

This means that if you can learn mercy, you will get mercy and then you'll be happy.

Memory Verse

**Matthew 5:7** Happy are those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

## Discussion Questions

1. **Set Up:** Watch the video together or invite someone to [set up the conversation](#).
2. What is the definition for mercy?
3. Give an example of a time you showed mercy to someone. How about an example of a time you were shown mercy?
4. Finish the sentence, "If you learn mercy, you will \_\_\_\_\_."
5. How has God shown us His mercy?
6. Read [Colossians 3:13](#). Why is forgiveness a great way to show mercy? How does forgiving someone change our attitude toward that person?
7. **Takeaway:** Write a [personal action step](#) based on this conversation.

