

Getting to Know Who I Am

The 7 Redemptive Gifts



14 Lesson Introductory Series



WEEK 13 - MERCY

10 Minutes: What I Do Best Game

- ✓ Do the check box list in the workbook (Use the optional PowerPoint slide as a teaching aid.)

15 Minutes: Bible Character

- ✓ Week 9 ~ Bible Character ~David

15 Minutes: Retell the Story Game

- ✓ The teacher will begin the story, and each one should add to the story using clues.

15 Minutes: Creative Cover Page for this lesson: Introduce Gift

- ✓ Color or decorate the letters MERCY Decorate with dots, colors, glitter – be creative. Add a drawing or art work for the story of David as time permits.

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10 Minutes: What I Do Best Game

- ✓ Do the Check box list page in Workbook (Use the optional PowerPoint slide.)

15 Minutes: Bible Character – act out the story about the character

- ✓ Week 2 Review the Story of David

15 Minutes - Creative Corner – show more than 1 solution to the problem.

- ✓ Divide into teams: Can you solve this problem game?

15 Minutes - Return to group for lesson application on the Gift of Mercy

- ✓ Discuss how your group solved the problem



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Teacher: I want to get to know you better. And, your classmates want to get to know you better. So this class is about getting to know each other better – and getting to know ourselves better too. One way to get to know ourselves better is to learn about the gifts God has given to each one of us. Each one of us has been given special gifts from God. Today we are going to learn about the gift of Mercy. Let's begin with the "What I Do Best Game." Open your workbook to the Mercy page.

10 Minutes: What I Do Best Game

Teacher: Put a check in the box that most describes you

Spiritual Gift of MERCY

- I don't have very many enemies.
- I am admired and respected by many people.
- I can feel the heart of God. I crave or need to have intimacy.
- I need and desire physical contact from my mom and dad.
- I don't like to make changes quickly. I am slow in making decisions.
- I don't like to confront somebody else – to tell someone they are wrong.

15 Minutes: Bible Character – Act out the story of David (A Mercy)

Teacher: Divide class according to number of actors needed for the parts listed below:

Narrator: Read from book of 1 Samuel

Actors: (*Children Mime as part is read from Bible*)

A sign holder

King Saul

Jonathan

David

1 / 2 Boys in class David's Men

1 / 2 Boys in class Saul's Men

Girls in class sing songs and dance

Teacher: Today's lesson is taken from God's word is about someone you have heard of – his name is David. David had the spiritual gift of Mercy. Do you remember the story of David and Goliath? What happen to Goliath? Goliath was from a group of people called the Philistines. The Philistines were enemies of Israel. David lived in Israel and as a young teenager he served King Saul after he had killed Goliath. King Saul had a son about the same age as David. His name was Jonathan. David and Jonathan were good friends.

1 Samuel 18

Saul's Growing Fear of David

¹ After **David had finished talking with Saul**, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. ² From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return home to his family. ³ And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. ⁴ **Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David**, along with his tunic, and even his **sword, his bow and his belt**.

⁵ Whatever mission Saul sent him on, David was so successful that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. This pleased all the troops, and Saul's officers as well.

⁶ When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the **women came** out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with timbrels and lyres. ⁷ As they danced, they sang:

**“Saul has slain his thousands,
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⁸ **Saul was very angry**; this refrain displeased him greatly. “They have credited David with tens of thousands,” he thought, “but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?” ⁹ And from that time on Saul kept a close eye on David.

¹⁰ The next day an evil spirit from God came forcefully on Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while **David was playing the lyre**, as he usually did. **Saul had a spear** in his hand ¹¹ and he hurled it, saying to himself, “I’ll pin David to the wall.” But **David eluded** him twice.

¹² Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with David but had departed from Saul. ¹³ So he sent David away from him and gave him command over a thousand men, and David led the troops in their campaigns. ¹⁴ In everything he did he had great success, because the LORD was with him. ¹⁵ When Saul saw how successful he was, he was afraid of him. ¹⁶ But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he led them in their campaigns.

1 Samuel 24

David Spares Saul's Life

(*One day*) ¹ After Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, “David is in the Desert of En Gedi.” ² So Saul took three thousand able young men from all Israel and set out to look for David and his men near the Crags of the Wild Goats.

³ He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and **Saul** went in to relieve himself. **David and his men were far back in the cave.** ⁴ The men said, “This is the day the LORD spoke of when he said to you, ‘I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.’” Then **David crept up** unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul’s robe.

⁵ Afterward, **David was conscience-stricken** for having cut off a corner of his robe. ⁶ He said to his men, “The LORD forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the LORD’s anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the LORD.” ⁷ With these words David sharply rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way.

⁸ Then David went out of the cave and called out to Saul, “My lord the king!” When Saul looked behind him, David bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground. ⁹ He said to Saul, “Why do you listen when men say, ‘David is bent on harming you’?” ¹⁰ This day you have seen with your own eyes how the LORD delivered you into my hands in the cave. Some urged me to kill you, but I spared you; I said, ‘I will not lay my hand on my lord, because he is the LORD’s anointed.’ ¹¹ See, my father, look at this piece of your robe in my hand! I cut off the corner of your robe but did not kill you. See that there is nothing in my hand to indicate that I am guilty of wrongdoing or rebellion. I have not wronged you, but you are hunting me down to take my life. ¹² May the LORD judge between you and me. And may the LORD avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but my hand will not touch you. ¹³ As the old saying goes, ‘From evildoers come evil deeds,’ so my hand will not touch you.

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15 Minutes: Retell the story

Teacher: (Begin to tell the story, and point to someone or ask for a raise of hands on who knows what is next in the story. Clues from this lesson plan may be used as a teaching aid.)

15 Minutes: Creative Cover Page for each lesson: Introduce Gift

Teacher: Use this time to Color or decorate the letters *Mercy* in the Workbook. Children may decorate with dots, colors, glitter. Encourage children to be creative. If time allows, ask the children to add a drawing or art work showing the story of David.

Bible Verse: Learn the Bible Verse using the page in the Workbook or the PowerPoint slide.

Prayer: Ask someone to close the class in prayer. Remind children that next week they will learn more about the Gift of Mercy.

WEEK 14 – MERCY



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- I love to worship God.
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15 Minutes - Creative Corner – show more than 1 solution to the problem.

- ✓ Divide class into teams: **Can you solve this problem game?**

Teacher: This week's problem: You and your friends were playing ball and you accidentally hit the ball through a neighbor's window. All the kids ran away and you don't think any adults saw you do it. What do you do?

Teacher: Hold Bible Verse ~ The bible says in Matthew 7:12 *So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.*

15 Minutes - Return to group

Teacher: Discuss how your group solved the problem: Use this time to put together in your own words how each group worked together to solve the problem. Show that each member of the team was important to solving the problem. You may have the spiritual gift of Mercy like David. David loved his friends and even loved his enemies. A person with the gift of Mercy doesn't have very many enemies and is admired and respected by many people.

Bible Verse: Review the Bible Verse and ask the class to explain the meaning.

Prayer: Ask someone to close the class in prayer. Remind the children that they may take home their workbooks today. Ask the children if they know which of the gifts most describes them. Save some time during this last class to listen to the children tell which of the gifts they have been given.

David

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Act 1

Saul's Growing Fear of David

Act 2

David
Spare
Saul's Life

Workbook Pages Week 13 & Week 14

Teacher: Copy a set of the following pages for each child in class. Collect the set at the end of class and add it to the end of each child's workbook.

This is the end of the 14 week series, children may take their completed workbooks home with them.

MERCY

Week 1

Spiritual Gift of Mercy

- I don't have very many enemies.
- I am admired and respected by many people.
- I can feel the heart of God. I crave or need to have intimacy.
- I need and desire physical contact from my mom and dad.
- I don't like to make changes quickly. I am slow in making decisions.
- I don't like to confront somebody else – to tell someone they are wrong.

Week 2

Spiritual Gift of Mercy

- I don't like to blame other people if I did something wrong.
- I don't like to volunteer for projects.
- I love to worship God.
- It is hard to make up my mind sometimes.
- I can feel the pain of others.
- I can enter into the presence of God much more easily than others.
- I like to be creative. I am very sensitive.
- I need to worship God and when I do, it brings holiness.

Bible Verse

Matthew 7:12

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

David had a problem ~

David is a good example of how God uses the person with the Gift of Mercy. David loved his friends and even loved his enemies. A person with the gift of Mercy doesn't have very many enemies and is admired and respected by many people.

What lessons did you learn from the story about the life of David?

If you have the Gift of Mercy, you love to worship God and when you do, it brings holiness.