

BEGINNER BIBLE TEACHER +

For Teachers of Children Ages 4 & 5



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Dear Beginner Teacher,

Welcome to *Beginner Bible Teacher*! As witnesses for Christ in a changing world, we have to think creatively about how we minister, while still holding firmly to the Word of Truth.

Our Plus Series contains robust Bible lessons and background information that have been clearly crafted to help you excite your students to learn God's Word.

Beginner Bible Teacher features:

- **Introductory pages** for each unit will connect the units to one another and point toward the quarter's major themes.
- The **Big Idea** is the main point of the lesson. This helps you focus your lesson on the one thing you want your students to take away about God and His Word.
- **Prepare Your Mind** and **Prepare Your Heart** will ready you to teach with background information and a short devotional.
- **Supplies, Suggested Song,** and **Prepare the Room** give you all the practical information you need to prepare for class time.
- A **glossary** section keys you in to words in the lesson that may be difficult to understand for young students.
- The **Conversation Starter** is an interesting question or object lesson that helps you kick off your class and get your students invested in the lesson. It will always tie in with the first part of the Bible lesson.
- **Teacher Tips** in the lesson will give you quick tips to involve your students or deal with difficult subject matter.
- **Just Curious** prepares you to respond to questions students might ask about the lesson.
- **Prop Prompt** symbols notify you when to use a prop listed in the supply list at the beginning of the lesson. All props and supplies are in **bold** the first time they appear.
- **Action** symbols help you see opportunities to invite your class to take part in the lesson.
- **Activities** get your students' wiggles out while thinking about the lesson.
- **Review Questions** will test your students' comprehension of the lesson.
- **Next Steps** help your students apply the lesson to their lives.
- **Prayer Points** give teachers some prompts for ways to pray for the students.
- The **Christ Focus** encourages thought about how the Scripture passage and lesson point to our loving Savior.
- **Bonus pages** for you and your students will be included each quarter as supplements in the back of this book.

KEY:

Teacher Tips



Just Curious



Prop Prompts



Actions




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Lesson 1

MOSES PRAYS FOR MERCY

Lesson Text: Numbers 14:11-24


"Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy" (Numbers 14:19).

 **BIG IDEA:** Moses asked God not to be angry with Israel.




- Israel's fussing broke their promise to follow God to the Promised Land.
- Moses was sad because God's punishment for Israel was death.
- God forgave and showed Israel mercy when Moses asked in prayer.

MEMORY HELPER

 Everyone does bad things that deserve punishment. When we break God's rules, He will forgive and show mercy when we ask.

 **CHRIST FOCUS**

Jesus showed the whole world mercy when He died on the cross and asked God to forgive us. 

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Here's a peek at features of the *Beginner Bible Learner*⁺:

• A **lesson recap** summarizes the lesson in language beginners can easily understand.

• The **Memory Helper** reminds students of something interesting in the Bible lesson that will help them remember the Big Idea.

• The **coloring page** is bigger than ever to make it easier for little hands to color.

• **Talk About It** connects with Next Steps and cues parents or caregivers in on how they can help their children apply the lesson throughout the week.

• Each page is perforated, so it is easy to rip out and take home!

TALK ABOUT IT

Help your child confess wrongdoing to God and ask for forgiveness and mercy.

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Slow to Anger

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Moses Prays for Mercy

Lesson 2: Exodus 34:1-14

God Promises to Be Merciful

Lesson 3: Joshua 24:2-13

God's Mercy in Times Past

Lesson 4: 1 Samuel 8:1-18

God Gives Israel a King

Beginners think of God as being big, strong, mighty, and loving. They normally wouldn't think that He would get angry. Introducing the subject of God getting angry might pose a problem, but this unit presents God as being patient and slow to anger. His anger does not last long. His love overpowers His anger. He patiently dealt with the children of Israel in the wilderness when they chose to reject Him as King and have Him replaced with a sinful man. Beginners might experience adults who have short tempers toward them. Encourage them by explaining how their Heavenly Father is patient and slow to anger with His people.



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Big Idea: Moses asked God not to be angry with Israel.

NUMBERS 14:11 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have shewed among them?

12 I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they.

13 And Moses said unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians shall hear *it*, (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them;)

14 And they will tell *it* to the inhabitants of this land: *for* they have heard that thou LORD *art* among this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face, and *that* thy cloud standeth over them, and *that* thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.

15 Now *if* thou shalt kill *all* this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, saying,

16 Because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land which he sware unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness.

17 And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great,

according as thou hast spoken, saying,

18 The LORD *is* longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation*.

19 Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.

20 And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word:

21 But *as truly as* I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.

22 Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;

23 Surely they shall not see the land which I sware unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:

24 But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.

Prepare Your Mind

After leaving Egypt, the people of Israel quickly turned from their commitment to the covenant with God by worshipping a golden calf. God told Moses that He would destroy them in His wrath and start over with Moses (Ex. 32:7-10). God relented because of Moses' intercession.

Again, the people grumbled against God. In spite of the miracles they had seen, they lacked faith. When ten of the twelve spies sent to scope out the Promised Land gave negative reports, no one listened to the two faithful spies who had good things to say. Again, God was provoked to wrath.



Supplies

- construction paper
- white paper
- scissors
- crayons
- glue sticks

Prepare Your Heart

When have you received mercy? We receive mercy from our parents, teachers, spouses, employers, and so forth and are better for it. Where would we be without God's mercy? Mercy is undeserved favor. We deserve punishment, but God took our punishment on the cross. That's how much He loves us. No matter what we do, we are never too far out of reach for His mercy to find us and bring us to Himself. Sadly, we often reject that mercy. We think we are too far gone. Mercy is a gift given to us by the One who loves us the most. Reflect on God's mercy in your life.



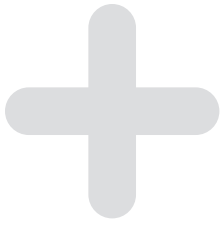
Suggested Song ⌚ 5 min

"Standing on the Promises" (Carter/Wideman Richmond)



Glossary

- forgiveness:** to let go of bad feelings toward someone who hurt you
- mercy:** not getting the punishment that one deserves, compassion
- sin:** anything that goes against God's rules; sin separates us from God



Conversation Starter

Have you ever done something bad,
but your parents didn't punish you in the way you deserved?

Bible Lesson ⌚ 10-15 min

💡 We all do bad things once in a while. Would you believe that even adults do things they shouldn't do sometimes? It's true! When those bad things break God's rules, it is called sin. When we sin, we need to go to God and ask for His forgiveness. When God forgives us, He lets go of bad feelings toward us. He doesn't punish us in the way we deserve. He shows us mercy. When people steal something, they may go to jail. Going to jail is their punishment. When we break God's rules, we should be punished, but God shows us mercy. He doesn't give us the punishment we should get.

The people of Israel watched God do amazing things for them. God helped them get away from Egypt. He made the water in the Red Sea move over so that they could walk to the other side. God gave them food to eat and water to drink when they didn't have any. Now they were almost at the end of their trip and ready to go into the Promised Land. They didn't believe God could do any more amazing things.

The people fussed and cried about others who lived in the land God promised to Israel. The people had promised to follow God into the land. They had promised to obey His rules and trust Him. All their fussing broke their promise to God, so it was a sin. God needed to punish the people for their sin.

Moses was the leader of God's people. God told Moses that the punishment the people deserved was death. They didn't deserve to go into the land God promised to give them.

Knowing that the people's punishment would be death made Moses sad. Since he was God's friend, he asked God to forgive the people. And do you know what? God listened to Moses and stopped being angry. God loved Moses. God also loved the people. He agreed not to punish the people with death, even though they deserved it. God showed them mercy. He still had to punish them, but God did not kill them.

God will forgive us when we do bad things too. If we break God's rules and are sorry, we can pray. We tell God that we're sorry and ask Him to forgive us. We can be like God and show mercy to our friends. Even if a friend is mean to us, we can forgive and show our friend mercy. 💡



You may find children want to talk about bad things they've done but try to keep their focus on the story. It might be hard to stop once they start.



If time allows, call on one or two children and ask whether they've had a friend be mean. Ask how the child responded and praise him or her for showing mercy.



Activity: Mercy Skit ⌚ 5-10 min

Separate the children into twos. Give each pair a simple scenario that they can act out. Ask the team to act out how they could show mercy in the scenario. Try to keep the game moving by encouraging the children to see how fast they can sit down to let the next pair stand up.

PREP: Come up with several scenarios before class so that you can move quickly from one group to another (for example, one child took another child's candy, one child called the other a name, one child hit another, and so forth).

Story Time ⌚ 5 min

Lucy loved her new box of crayons. The colors were all so pretty. As soon as she opened her new box, Charlie sat down next to her.

“Look at all the colors!” he said as he looked at the crayons.

“They’re new. My mom bought them for me,” Lucy said.

“Can I color too?” Charlie asked.

Lucy didn’t really want to share her crayons, but she said, “OK. Please be careful with them.”

“I will!” Charlie promised.

Charlie took a piece of paper and started coloring. After a few minutes, Lucy looked over to see what Charlie was making. Charlie was coloring so hard with her new crayons that he had broken one. Others were flat and much shorter. This made Lucy sad. He was not being

careful as he promised.

When Charlie saw her looking at her broken crayon, he said, “I’m sorry. I didn’t mean to break it.”

Lucy wanted to cry. But then she thought that being Charlie’s friend was more important than a crayon.

“It’s OK,” Lucy said instead of crying. “I know you didn’t mean it.”

The next day, Charlie came to her with his hands behind his back. “I have a present for you.” He surprised Lucy with a brand-new crayon, just like the one he had broken.

Lucy could have been angry with Charlie, but that isn’t what a friend does. Lucy treated Charlie as God treats people. Charlie was sorry for something he did, and Lucy showed him mercy and forgiveness.



Handcraft: Praying Hands ⌚ 10 min

Help children as needed.

Instructions:

1. Decorate outside of hands.
 2. **Glue** the verse inside the folded hands.
 3. Color the inside of the folded hands.
- Remind children to pray to God for forgiveness and mercy.

SUPPLIES:

- construction paper
- white paper
- scissors
- glue sticks
- crayons

PREP: Fold colorful **construction paper** in half. **Trace** your hand with the smallest finger on the fold. **Cut** out one set of praying hands for each child. Print the memory verse on **white paper** and cut into rectangles.

Review Questions

1. How did the people of Israel sin? (They fussed, breaking their promise to God.)
2. Why was Moses sad? (The punishment for Israel was death.)
3. What was God’s response to Moses’ prayer? (He forgave and showed the people mercy.)

Next Steps

God can show mercy to us when we sin and ask for forgiveness. If you know you have done something wrong, remember that you can pray and ask God for forgiveness and mercy. Ask a grown-up to help you if you don’t know what to say.

Christ Focus

Jesus showed the whole world mercy when He died on the cross and asked God to forgive us.

Prayer Points

- Thank God for showing us mercy every day. •
- Ask God to help us show mercy to others. •