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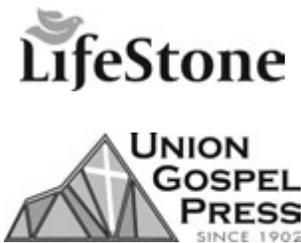
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Dear Primary Teacher,

Welcome to *Primary 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.

Primary 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.
- **Truths to Stress** are underlined in the Bible lesson so that you can see the main points at a glance.
- **Activities** get your students' wiggles out while thinking about 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



GOD'S MERCY IN TIMES PAST

Lesson Text: Joshua 24:2-13

"And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them" (Joshua 24:13)

BIG IDEA: Joshua reported the ways God had shown mercy to Israel.

GOD'S MERCY

Fill in the blanks below with the correct words.

AARON ABRAHAM BATTLES DESCENDANTS
EGYPT ISRAELITES MOSES REMEMBER

The _____ were living in the land God had promised to give them.
The Lord called _____ from his home and led him throughout the land of Canaan.
God gave Abraham _____, Issac and Jacob.
Jacob and his family went to _____.
The Lord sent _____ and _____ to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.
The Israelites beat their enemies in _____ because the Lord fought for them.
Joshua retold the history of the Israelites so that they would _____ that God had always been with them.

MEMORY HELPER



We can often forget things, even things that just happened! God never forgets His promises to care for His people.

CHRIST FOCUS

Jesus loves us and will always take care of His followers.



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Here's a peek at features of the *Primary Bible Learner*®:

• A **lesson recap** includes true and false questions, fill-in-the-blank puzzles, and much more to help ensure your students understood the lesson.

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

• The **activity page** is bigger than ever and full color to get your students excited to solve puzzles and review the lesson.

• **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!

M _____

E _____

R _____

C _____

Y _____

TALK ABOUT IT

Talk with your child about ways you have seen God's mercy in your life.

UNIT 1:

Slow to Anger

Lesson 1: Numbers 14:11-24

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

If you ask primary children about what God is like, they might say that He is big, mighty, strong, and loving. The idea of God getting angry might not even cross their minds. God does get angry, but His love overpowers His anger. Examples of His patience can be seen in the way He dealt with the children of Israel in the wilderness and when they chose to reject Him as their King and have Him replaced with a sinful man. Still, God was patient and slow to anger. Primaries have seen adults lose their tempers, but God's anger is different. Encourage them with how the Heavenly Father is patient and slow to anger.



Moses Prays for Mercy

Lesson Text: Numbers 14:11-24

Lesson 1
June 7, 2026

“ 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's sin.

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

“Defiant,” “disobedient,” “unbelieving,” “stubborn,” and “rebellious”—many of these words were applied to the Israelites. The latest act of rebellion was the tenth time God’s people had disobeyed Him.



Supplies

- Moses puppet (or make one from a sock)
- pens or markers
- index cards
- construction paper (assorted colors)
- scissors
- tape

Prepare Your Heart

In the memory verse for today, we find Moses begging an angry God to show mercy and forgive the Israelites. He was thinking of wiping out the Israelites and raising a new nation through Moses.

Because of His great mercy and the prayers of Moses, God forgave the Israelites. Because of God’s great mercy and the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives all who trust in Jesus.



Suggested Song ⌚ 5 min

“I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord Forever”
(Fillmore)

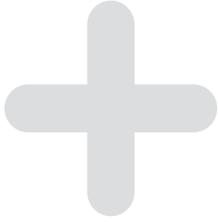


Glossary

mercy: not getting the punishment that one deserves, compassion

prayer: talking to God

reject: to refuse to let in, to believe, to take, or to use



Conversation Starter

What did one hand say to the other hand?
Let's get together and pray.

Bible Lesson 🕒 15–20 min

What are we doing when we pray? (Allow a few students to answer.) Prayer is talking to God. We might thank Him for our food or ask Him to keep us safe.

When we do something wrong, we can ask Him to forgive us. Can we ask God to forgive other people? Absolutely, we can!

Today we are going to learn about some people who did wrong and the man who asked God to forgive them.

This is Moses. (👉 Show **puppet**.) He is going to help tell our Bible lesson today. (🗨️)

TEACHER. Hi, Moses!

MOSES. Hi.

TEACHER. Tell us what happened with the Israelites.

MOSES. God was leading us to the land He had promised to give us. It was a long trip, but God was caring for us the whole time. While we traveled, the Israelites grumbled. (👉 Have children say, “Grumble, grumble.”) The Israelites complained. (👉 Have children say, “Complain, complain.”) The Israelites disobeyed God. (👉 Have children say, “Naughty, naughty.”)

When we reached the land, the people disobeyed God again and refused to go in. They were afraid.

TEACHER. Didn't they know they could trust God to take care of them?

MOSES. Yes. My friends Caleb and Joshua did. They told the others that God would help them, but the rest of the people refused to trust God.

Then God asked me, “How long will these people reject Me? And how long will they not believe Me?”

Then God told me He was angry with the Israelites. If they wouldn't trust or believe Him, He would stop caring for them.

I talked to God about how He had been leading the Israelites. People were watching and knew God was with the Israelites. If God left the Israelites now, they would say He was not strong enough to take the Israelites into the Promised Land.

I prayed that God would keep showing His great mercy and forgive the Israelites. I prayed that He would forgive them of their sin and not be angry with them anymore.

MOSES (*in an awed voice*). God listened to me! God told me that because I asked and prayed for the Israelites, He would forgive them.

But because the Israelites had not trusted God, He said He would give the land to their children. Until the children were old enough to take the land, the Israelites would have to continue to travel around in the desert. God would continue to lead them and take care of them. God said that since Caleb and Joshua had trusted Him, they would receive some land too.

TEACHER. How sad! Because of their sin, the Israelites could not enter the Promised Land. (👉 Have children make a sad face.) But how wonderful that God forgave them and continued to care for them. (👉 Have children make a happy face.) I'm glad that we can talk to God and that He is forgiving. Let's thank Moses for telling us about this. (👉 Have children thank Moses.) (👉 Have puppet leave.)



Having the puppet move around, look at different people, and express emotions will help the children stay engaged. A helper who can hold the puppet would be even better.

Review Questions

1. Why did God become angry with the Israelites? (They disobeyed Him; they didn't trust Him.)
2. What did Moses ask God to do? (to forgive the Israelites and not be angry with them)
3. How did God respond to Moses' prayer? (He forgave the people.)

Explaining the Memory Verse

In this verse, Moses was begging God to forgive the sins of the Israelites. The Israelites had disobeyed God and sinned. God was very angry with them, but Moses knew that God loved the people and that His mercy was greater than the people's sin.



Activity: Find the Match ⌚ 5-10 min

Mix the cards and lay each set out on a separate table. Divide the class into six teams (two teams per set of cards). The first player should turn one card over and then a second card. If the cards match, the player can keep them. If they don't match, the player should turn them back over. Let another player from the next team have a turn. Repeat this process until all cards are collected. The teams with the most cards win. If you have time, rotate the competing teams.

SUPPLIES:

- pen or marker
- index cards

PREP: Print words from the lesson on **index cards**. Include words like "mercy," "Moses," "pray," and so forth. Make six sets of cards.

Next Steps

Just as God showed mercy to the Israelites, God wants us to show mercy to others. This week, remember to show mercy to others. You might let others go ahead of you, do what someone else wants to do instead of what you want, and use kind words. Remember to pray and thank God for His mercy.

Christ Focus

Jesus prayed for God to forgive others, even those who sent Him to the cross.

Prayer Points

- Thank God for His mercy and forgiveness. •
- Thank God for listening to us when we pray. •



Handcraft: Mercy Bracelets ⌚ 10 min

Help children as needed.

Instructions:

1. Choose two paper strips.
2. Print "Mercy" on each strip.
3. Cut a small slit near the end of each strip so that the slits will fit together, holding the bracelet on, or use tape.
4. Wear one, and give the other to a friend. Tell the friend about God's mercy.

SUPPLIES:

- construction paper (assorted colors)
- scissors, tape
- pens or markers

PREP: Cut assorted colors of **construction paper** into 2-by-6-inch strips. Lay out scissors, **tape**, and pens and markers for the students.