

STICKY NOTE MERCY

The children will participate in an activity to teach them about God's mercy.
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TOPICS:

Character of God, Knowing God, Mercy



MATERIALS:

Sticky notes

Handouts (see next page)

Markers

Whiteboard (for the "increased-difficulty" Option)

DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes

PREPARATION:

Give each child the handout, sticky notes, and a marker.

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Ask the students to come up with an expected punishment for each box on the handout. Then tell them to write the punishment on a sticky note and place it over the box. Once completed, discuss the definition of mercy (withholding a deserved punishment) in view of God's mercy on us. Ask the children to take each sticky note off and write "MERCY" in each box. Tell the children it is God's mercy that protects us from the ultimate penalty of our sin (being forever separated from Him and spending eternity in hell). Also emphasize that God's mercy gives us more time to repent, ask for forgiveness, and enter into a relationship with Him through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Timesaving Option: Provide a list of punishment suggestions for the children to choose from.

Increased-Difficulty Option: Ask the children to come up with additional ways we sin against God and write the suggestions on the whiteboard. Then discuss how God uses mercy in each scenario.

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Lying to your parents
about homework.

Stealing items
from a store.

Hitting someone
at school.

Breaking someone's toy
on purpose.

Staying outside
past curfew.

Yelling at your parents.

Skipping school.

Sneaking out of
the house.