

LESSON 1

GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS AND MERCY

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God's Righteousness and Mercy

I. What is character?

Our character is: who we really are. It's what we _____ when no one is looking. It's the accumulation of thoughts, _____, words, and actions.

How do you know what is good character? Have you seen it before?

List at least **five traits of someone with good character**. Read 2 Peter 1:5-8.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

"Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ." (1 Cor 11:1)

II. What does it mean to be righteous?

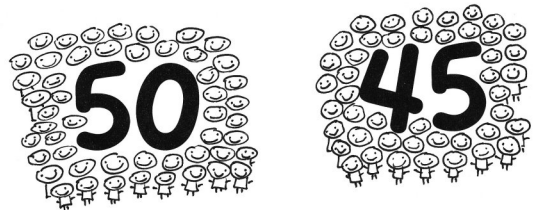
To be righteous is to do what is _____.

What is God's righteousness?

God's righteousness enables Him to _____ and _____ everything absolutely _____.

Psalm 97:2 "_____ and justice are the _____ of His throne."

Righteousness is an essential _____ of God.



Abraham appealed to God in his pleading because he understood that God is righteous.



III. What is mercy?

It is God _____ the punishment we deserve.

What does it mean to have mercy?

To have mercy is to look at the _____ of others and care, _____, forgive, and persevere.

Read Psalm 25:6-7.

"Remember, O LORD, Your tender _____ and Your lovingkindnesses, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to Your _____ remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O LORD."

Let's read 2 Corinthians 1:3. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of _____ and God of all comfort."

God is called "the Father of mercies"! His mercy is abundantly great and boundless, higher than the heavens and filling the earth. His mercy is also eternal and unchanging. God's mercy is "from everlasting to everlasting" (Ps 103:17).

Psalm 136:1 "Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures _____."

Because God has been merciful to us, we must be merciful in our actions toward those who are in need. "Therefore be _____, just as your Father also is merciful" (Lk 6:36).

God showed mercy to us by sending Jesus Christ to die on the cross for us! Therefore, we have been delivered from sin because of God's mercy. We ought to be thankful and keep praising God from our heart by saying, "I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever" (Ps 89:1).

We need to have God's character. In order to have God's character, we must imitate God.



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Character! Character! Character!

Instructions: Read the following scenarios and choose which character(s) the people have based on their actions.

humility appreciation compassion thankfulness integrity understanding

Case #1



Sister Lisa and her classmates were in the middle of a test when Lisa saw her classmates cheating. Her classmates tried to pass her the cheat sheet to help her, but Lisa refused. After class, her classmates called her a “snob” for refusing to cheat with them, but when the results came out, Lisa ended up doing better than all of them.

What character does Lisa have?

Case #3



Brother Ian and his sister Debbie got into such a heated argument that Debbie broke his video game controller out of frustration. Hot-headed and in disbelief, Ian stormed off, flabbergasted that his sister broke his video game controller. But after calming himself down, he realized that it must have been an accident and that his sister probably felt really horrible about it. Ian went to Debbie’s room and apologized to her for getting so angry. He also told her that he forgave her for breaking his controller and that he could probably do with playing fewer games.

What characters does Ian have?

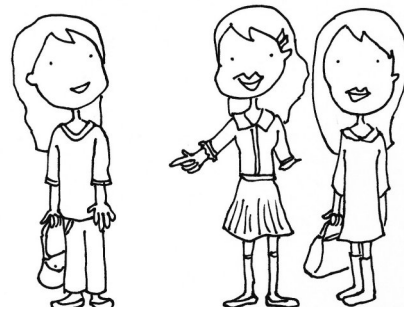
Case #2



Brother Jim is rushing to meet his friends for a movie that is starting soon. He sees a man’s bag fall apart, causing loose paper to fly everywhere, but no one stops to help him pick up the contents of his bag. Some people even step over him or on the loose sheets of paper! Even though it means he will be late for the movie, Jim stops to help the man pick up his things from the floor.

What character does Jim have?

Case #4



Sister Anne wears her older sister’s hand-me-downs. Because of this, some girls in school make fun of her and tease her, saying that her family can’t afford to buy her new clothes. But Anne never listens to them, and instead makes it a point to say that she likes the clothes she wears. Anne’s close friends are all amazed at how happy she is despite the teasing, and they see how Anne loves her family and is peaceful even when she doesn’t have as many nice things as others.

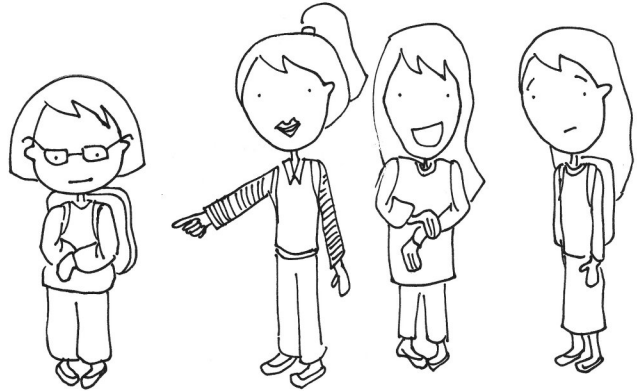
What characters does Anne have?

What Would We Do to Be More like Christ?

Instructions: Read the following scenarios and write down what you would do to be more like Jesus Christ.

1. During lunchtime, your school friends make fun of a disabled classmate, imitating her and calling her mean names.

I would...



2. While playing with someone in the house, you accidentally knock over and break your mother's expensive vase.

I would...



3. During dinnertime, your sister spills a bottle of milk all over your favorite book.

I would...



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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Bible Reading: Please put a check mark in the space when you complete the reading each day.

Prayer: Please put a check mark in the space on the days you prayed to God.

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. **(Deuteronomy 6:18a)**

Fill In the Blank

1. (Psalm 97:2) "_____ and justice are the _____ of His throne."
2. (Genesis 18:25) "Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the _____ with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the _____; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"
3. (Psalm 25:6-7) "Remember, O LORD, Your tender _____ and Your lovingkindnesses, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to Your _____ remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O LORD."
4. (2 Corinthians 1:3) "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of _____ and God of all _____."

Short Answer

5. What does it mean to say that God is righteous?
6. What is God's mercy?
7. Why do we need to love righteousness?
8. Why is it important not to seek revenge against those who have sinned against us?
9. Why is it that when we have the opportunity to show mercy, we should do it right away?