

St Mary's Wollaton Park
Online kids' church, Sunday 2nd August 2020

Today we talked about being merciful. God showed immense mercy to us through Jesus death on the cross, so we can now show mercy to other people.

A Mystery

Debs' special box of chocolates went missing! A detective came and solved the mystery – Becca had stolen them! Debs thought of three things she could do to Becca for stealing her chocolate.

1. Get angry and shout at her
2. Take revenge and steal Becca's chocolate
3. Have mercy and forgive her

Bible time

Debs remembered the passage we looked at in church today was Matthew 5:7

“Those who give mercy to others are happy. Mercy will be given to them.” (ICB)

Mercy is showing kindness and forgiveness to someone who doesn't deserve it. We looked at a story from the Bible that Jesus told to think more about mercy. The story was from Matthew 18:23-35 and was the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant.

In the story, the King showed mercy to his servant. His servant didn't deserve that the King forgive him for the money he owed, but he did! But the servant did not show mercy to his friend. Even though the King had just forgiven him, he made his friend pay him back the money he owed, and when he couldn't he threw him in prison!

God is like the King. For everyone who believes in Jesus, God has forgiven us for all of our sins – for all of the wrong things we do in our life. That is amazing mercy, because it's not something we deserve, but Jesus died on the cross to bring that forgiveness for us. Because God has shown us such amazing mercy, we can also show mercy to other people and show people kindness and forgiveness even if they have upset or hurt us or stolen our chocolate!

Debs decided to show Becca mercy and forgive her for stealing the chocolate because God showed the greatest mercy and forgiveness first and that's amazing.

Things to do at home

- Why don't you retell that story from Matthew 18:23-35 to someone at home with you? You can make your own characters to retell the story with, or you can download some ready-made ones from the following page.
- Have a think about people who might have made you sad or hurt you. How can you show mercy to them like Jesus showed mercy to us?