

Mercy Tag

No Materials

Instructions

In this version of “Frozen Tag,” choose one student to be “It” and chase after the others. Choose a second student to be “Mercy.” When a student is tagged, he will freeze in place and call out for Mercy (who can run freely without being tagged) to come and tap the frozen student and free him to run again. Play as time allows, choosing different students to be “It” and “Mercy.”

Suggested Discussion

Mercy is when we are not punished the way we deserve. In our game today, when you were tagged, it was like a punishment, and you had to stand there in one place. But when the student who was “Mercy” came, that punishment was ended, and you got to go back into the game.

God knew the Israelites were making and worshipping an idol of a golden calf. He told Moses he was ready to destroy the Israelites completely. But Moses prayed that God would show them mercy and not wipe them out. God listened to Moses’ prayer and had mercy on them. They were still punished for what they did, but God didn’t destroy them the way they deserved.