



Family Worship Guide: Lesson 34

The Parables – Part 2

Main Idea

Jesus told the parable of the prodigal son to illustrate God's love for and forgiveness of sinners. He told the parable of the unforgiving servant to teach us to forgive others who sin against us as our heavenly Father has forgiven us of so much more.

Scripture Readings

- ✠ *Luke 15:11–24 — The Younger Son Repents*
- ✠ *Luke 15:25–32 — The Older Brother's Response*
- ✠ *Matthew 18:21–27 — The King Forgives a Great Debt*
- ✠ *Matthew 18:28–35 — The Unforgiving Servant*

Lesson Review

Q What did the younger son do with his father's money? (Luke 15:13)

A *He wasted it on reckless living in a far country.*

Q What did the father do when the son returned? (Luke 15:20-24)

A *He ran to him, welcomed him, forgave him, and celebrated.*

Q How much was the servant forgiven by the king? (Matthew 18:27)

A *A massive, unpayable debt was completely forgiven.*

Q What did the forgiven servant do to the one who owed him a little? (Matthew 18:28-30)

A *He refused to forgive him and had him punished.*

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Q What do these parables teach us about God and ourselves?

A *They teach that God is merciful and ready to forgive repentant sinners, and they expose that we are sinners who need His forgiveness and must forgive others.*

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Q 65 - How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?

A *The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day (Exo 20:8, 10), even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days (Exo 16:25-28; Neh 13:15-22); and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship (Luk 4:16; Act 20:7; Psa 92 title; Isa 66:23), except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy (Mat 12:1-13).*

Q 66 - What is forbidden in the fourth commandment? **A.**

A *The fourth commandment forbiddeth the omission or careless performance of the duties required (Eze 22:26; Amo 8:5; Mal 1:13), and the profaning the day by idleness (Act 20:7, 9), or doing that which is in itself sinful (Eze 23:38), or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works about worldly employments or recreations (Jer 17:24-27; Isa 58:13).*

Q 67 - What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment?

A *The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are God's allowing us six days of the week for our own lawful employments (Exo 20:9), His challenging a special propriety in a seventh, His own example, and His blessing the Sabbath day (Exo 20:11)."*

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Family Devotion Questions

Q How does God treat a sinner who repents?

A *God welcomes and forgives the sinner with joy and mercy, just like the father welcomed his son.*

Q How did people like the Pharisees feel about Jesus hanging around with sinners?

A *They were upset and thought it was wrong because they believed they were better than the sinners Jesus hung around (they were so very wrong!).*

Q What is the lesson of the parable of the prodigal son?

A *God lovingly forgives those who turn back to Him, no matter how far they have gone in sin.*

Q What is the lesson of the parable of the unforgiving servant?

A *Those who have been forgiven much by God must forgive others, or they show they have not truly understood God's mercy.*

Q How can you forgive others?

A *By remembering how much God has forgiven you in Christ and asking Him to help you show mercy to others.*



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Hymn - *His Mercy is More*

Prayer

Father in heaven,

We praise You that You are full of mercy and ready to forgive sinners who turn to You. Thank You for showing us Your love in Jesus, who paid our great debt that we could never repay.

Help our children to see their sin clearly and to turn to Christ for forgiveness. Give them faith to trust in Him alone. And as You forgive us, teach us to forgive others from the heart.

Make us a family that reflects Your mercy—quick to repent, quick to forgive, and full of love.

We ask this in Jesus' name

Amen.

His Mercy Is More

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Chorus 1

A E C#m7 E/B A E B
Praise the Lo - rd, His mercy is mo - re
A E B C#m
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn
A E B (E)
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

Intro

E / | / A | E / | / A

Verse 1

E E/G#
What love could re - member
A E
No wrongs we have done
B C#m
Om - niscient, all-knowing
A B
He counts not their sum
E F#m7 E/G# A
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
E/G# A E/G# B E
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus 2

E/F# E/G# A E C#m7 E/B A E B
Praise the Lo - rd, His mercy is mo - re
A E B/D# C#m
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn
A E B (E)
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

Intro

Verse 2

E E/G# A E
What patience would wait as we constantly roam
B C#m A B
What Father, so tender is calling us home
E F#m7 E/G# A
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
E/G# A E/G# B E
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus 2

Instrumental

E / | / A | E / | / A |
E F#m7 | E/G# A | / E/G# | A E/G# | Bsus

Verse 3

E A/E E
What riches of kindness He lavished on us
B C#m
His blood was the payment
A B
His life was the cost
E F#m7
We stood 'neath a debt
E/G# A
We could never af - ford
E/G# A E/B B E E
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus 3

A E C#m7 E/B A E B
Praise the Lo - rd, His mercy is mo - re
A E B C#m
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn
A E/G# B E
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus 4

E/F# E/G# A x B
Praise the Lo - rd, His mercy is mo - re
A E G#/B# C#m
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn
A E B C#m
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more
A E/B B (E)
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

Outro

E / | / A | E / | / A | E / | / A |
E / | E - F#m7 - E/G#
A - E/G# - F#m7 | E

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A collection of 13 guitar chord diagrams arranged in two rows. Each diagram shows a six-string guitar fretboard with dots indicating finger positions and 'x' marks for muted strings. The chords are: A (x0x0x0), E (022100), C#m7 (x02333), E/B (x02333), B (x24242), C#m (x24242), E/G# (022100), F#m7 (022100), E/F# (022100), B/D# (x02333), Bsus (x02333), A/E (022100), and G#/B# (022100). Some diagrams include a '3' indicating a triplet.