

12th July 2020

# Mercy



**Dear GAP Kids**

In today's lesson we continued with our July Justice Month series. July it is a tradition that we focus on Compassion and Justice at Gracepoint. In today's lesson we looked at Mercy. We hope you enjoy this week's lesson pack – there is something small for you to do every day.

Lots of love,  
The GAP Team

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Watch today's lesson on YouTube (GAP Gracepoint Online), Facebook or Instagram. Complete the activities below:

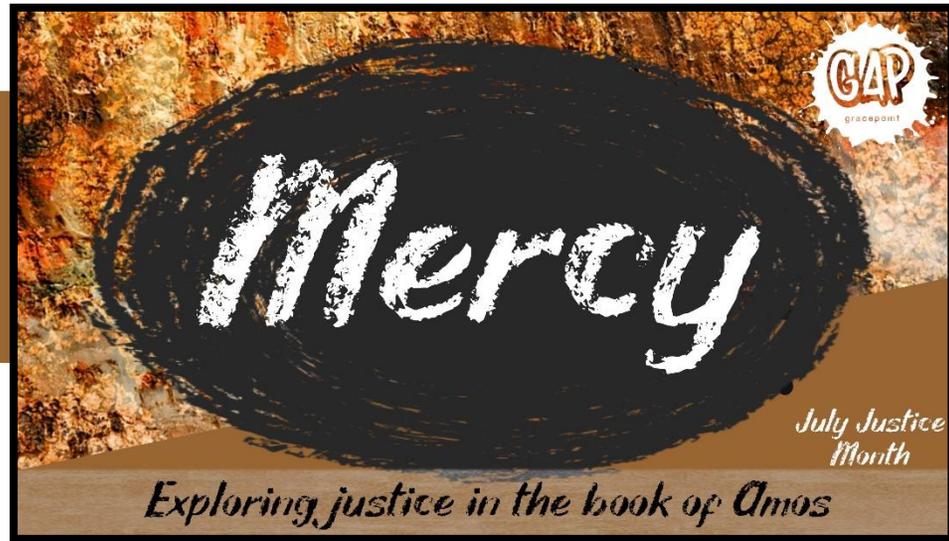
1. In today's lesson, Mercy was defined as: A blessing that is an act of divine favour or compassionate with holding of the punishment or judgement our sins deserve.

Next to each word, write down what it means. You could ask someone, look it up in a dictionary or google it's meaning.

Blessing: \_\_\_\_\_

Divine: \_\_\_\_\_

Compassionate: \_\_\_\_\_



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Withholding: \_\_\_\_\_

Punishment: \_\_\_\_\_

Judgement: \_\_\_\_\_

2. In your own words, now that you know what the words in the definition of Mercy mean, what do you think Mercy means? Write it down below. If you can, write down an example of showing mercy.

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3. Answer the questions below:

- Do you think the people in the book of Amos deserved God's mercy? (Think about that bad things they did. What should have happened to them? What did happen? Do you think that they deserved God's mercy?)

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- God calls them to repent (say sorry and change their behavior). What does this tell us about God? (Think about what God could have done to them instead of calling them to repent?)

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- Based on how God treated these people who continued to do wrong to others (he called them to say sorry and showed mercy instead of punishing them), what do you think God would like us to do when we do wrong to others or treat them badly?

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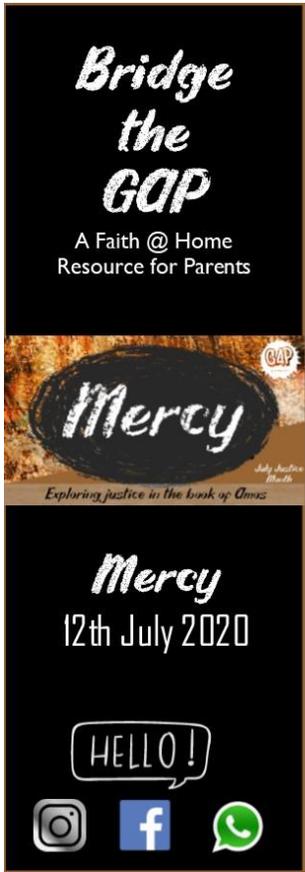
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**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July** – Using a Bible/ Bible App or Google, look up 2 Chronicles 30:9 and write it down in the block below. What does the second part of the scripture tell us will happen when we return to God or say sorry? Why is this so?

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** – Let’s have a look at a key point from this week’s lesson...  
How do you think you can “do” or apply this to your life?

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**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** –Complete the Bridge the GAP reflection with your family or think about the questions under the Family Chat’s section by yourself.



*What’s happening at GAP*

Over July it is a tradition that we focus on Compassion and Justice at Gracepoint. This year we have seen lots of things happening around us in our world and country where we believe people have been treated in a way that is not good/ fair/ right. This July we are focusing on Justice.

We believe that God is a God of love, mercy, compassion and justice. Over July we will be exploring the book of Amos as we look at these themes.

Today’s Lesson: Mercy

Mercy can be defined as: A blessing that is an act of divine favour or compassionate withholding of the punishment or judgement our sins deserve. In this lesson we looked at how the Israelites at the time of Amos the prophet treated one another and treated God—they hurt and exploited one another, and had turned away from God. They deserved to be punished! But because of God’s incredible mercy, they are given a chance to repent and turn back to God.

*Family Chats*

Chatting about our faith as a family can seem intimidating and scary, as we might find ourselves asking, “What if I do not the answer to X’s question?” Answers are important yes, but being able to express our thoughts and understandings, worries and concerns to someone who actively and intentionally listens is often more important.

Ask you child this week:  
What does mercy mean to you?

Can you share an example with me on a time where someone showed you mercy or you showed mercy to someone?

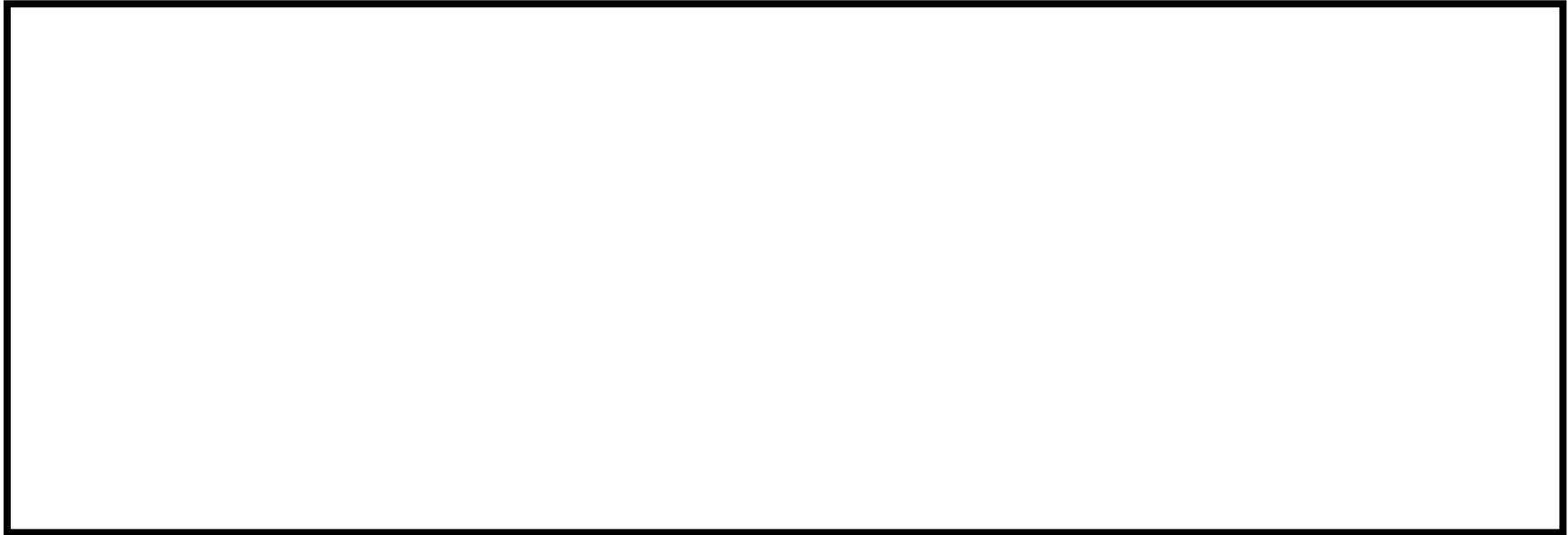
Because God is merciful, what do you think we should do when we do wrong to others?  
Have you ever treated someone differently to know God treats us? (Mercifully)  
What should we do about this?

What is really important to remember this week?



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**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July** – Draw one thing that you are thankful today for in the block below:



**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**– Join us for GAP Fridays LIVE on Zoom this week. Check out [www.gracepoint.co.za](http://www.gracepoint.co.za) for more info.

**Don't forget to watch your next GAP Gracepoint Online Lesson and Worship on Sunday ☺**

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