



Gospel Light®

HOME DISCUSSION GUIDE
for ages 10-12

SUMMER A
Lesson 11

Is It Fair?

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Matthew 5:7

Sometimes my kids complain that I have treated one or the other with special favor and I hear, “It’s not fair!” I retell the story of the Prodigal Son, who ruined his life but was welcomed back home by his father with open arms while the “good” brother was angry at the mercy shown his brother. It wasn’t FAIR! **Life is not fair. But grace and mercy happen all the time.** Jesus told this story to show His Father’s mercy and grace and second, to show us that we have no right to compare ourselves to others and become bitter or angry over our perceived “unfairness”! (And then I try to make sure I extend an obvious grace or favor to each child—and point out to both of them what I am doing!)

Try This:

After reading stories about God’s forgiveness I ask, **How would you like to be treated after you have done something you know is wrong?** I remind them how important it is to go to God right away, rather than trying to avoid Him when we do wrong. **God is ready to forgive us, no matter what we have done!**