



Jesus' own words tell us why He taught in parables: "Because the secrets of the kingdom of heaven have been given for you to know, but it has not been given to them." (Matthew 13:11) "Them" are those with hard-hearts who rejected Jesus; those who wanted to see more signs and miracles but refused Jesus' message. To you who have eyes to see, the parables are beautiful stories that teach powerful lessons about Jesus being the ONE way to God's Kingdom!

We really love that God is kind to us but we can sometimes think we don't have to be kind to others. We can even believe God has to treat us with mercy, but we don't have to treat others with mercy.

But the truth is, showing mercy is a choice we get to make. Even if people treat us like unkindness, we can respond with kind words and actions—this is mercy (undeserved kindness)!

God has made the choice to show mercy to us—and when we choose to follow Him, we can choose to share that same mercy with others!

READ

Matthew 18:21-35
What stands out to you from these verses?

DEFINE

Look up a definition of mercy.
Where have you seen mercy in your family?

PRAY

Go on a prayer walk around your neighborhood praying for the needs of you neighbors.

PRAISE

Have a dance party to praise music--praise God for His gift of mercy to each of us!

For each AKM Series, we select a memory verse we work on each Sunday.
If you'd like to join us in working on it as a family,
display this page to practice during the week.

Summer Adventure

Take my **YOKE** upon
you and **LEARN** from
me, because I am
LOWLY and **HUMBLE**
in heart, and you will
find **REST** for your
souls.

MATTHEW 11:29



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