

CASTLETON KIDS SUMMER SERIES

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD: GRACIOUS, MERCIFUL, LONG-SUFFERING, FORGIVING

Memory Verse: Psalm 145:8

Main Passage: Ephesians 2:8-9, 2 Peter 3:9

Big Ideas:

- God is gracious and merciful to us. We cannot earn God's love and forgiveness. It is an undeserved or unmerited gift of God.
- God is long-suffering, or patient, and forgiving. He desires for us to be reconciled to Him, so He patiently waits for us to see our sin and offer perfect forgiveness when we repent.
- God's timing and plan are perfect. All things work together for our good and His glory.

Daily Discussion Questions:

- **Day 1:** Read Psalm 103:13-14. In ways are we weak like dust? Discuss how God's grace helps us in our weakness.
- **Day 2:** Read Luke 15:11-20. How is God like the father in the story? How are we like the son? How does doing things our own way usually work out?
- **Day 3:** God's mercy is a unmerited gift. Name some ways God shows mercy to you.
- **Day 4:** Does God let us know how long His patience will last toward sin? What should we do about our sin?
- **Day 5:** Read 1 John 1:9. Have you ever asked God to forgive you of your sins and to come live in your heart? If you haven't already done so, talk about what this means and how you can pray to ask God to live in your heart.
*If you aren't sure how to do this, please contact the church to talk about this more.