

1. You have stolen a fancy sweater from a local clothing store. Just outside of the store, a security guard grabs your shoulder and loudly announces that he knows you have a stolen sweater under your coat. You nearly faint as he ushers you back in the store and dials the police. Signs all over the store say that shoplifters will be prosecuted.

- What punishment do you deserve?
- What would mercy look like in this situation?
- What would justice look like in this situation?

2. You've been selling essays at school. It's fairly well known that if a student wants a well-written essay on any topic, you'll be willing to write it for the steep price of \$30 per page. Writing comes easy for you. You need the extra money to support your expensive taste in designer clothes and purses. Today you were called to the office. It looks like your essay selling days are over. Will you be expelled from school? Your school has a no tolerance rule.

- What punishment do you deserve?
- What would mercy look like in this situation?
- What would justice look like in this situation?

3. You have taken your neighbor's bike without asking. You don't think he'll miss it. He never rides it. You are having a great time until you see the red flashing lights pull up behind you. Your neighbor saw you take the bike and notified the police. You are only 11.

- What do you deserve?
- What would mercy look like in this situation?
- What would justice look like in this situation?

4. Your parents have told you repeatedly to stay away from the skate park—it is not a good place for you to hang out. Yet, your buddy comes over and you and he head right for the park, telling your mom you are going to his house. Your parents don't tolerate lying or disobedience and you know you will be grounded from everything for at least a month. While you are at the skate park you look up. There is your dad just watching. He signals you to come right away. All of a sudden you think of the computer, the video games, television, going to the movies, the school games, basketball practice . . . all the things you know you won't be able to do for at least the next month . . . you go to meet your dad.

- What do you deserve?
- What would mercy look like in this situation?
- What would justice look like in this situation?

5. All men are sinners. And because God is holy He cannot tolerate even one sin. The punishment for every sin is death, hell, eternal separation from God, and suffering.

- What punishment do you deserve?
- What does God's mercy to sinners look like?
- What does God's justice to sinners look like?

Print and cut out one set of cards for use in Activity 2.