Works of Mercy

As a group, write a scenario for each of the Works of Mercy you have been assigned. Include details to make each scenario as realistic as possible—just like a real situation you might encounter at school or at home. The questions below will help you get started.

As the other groups present their scenarios, jot down ideas of how you can live out the Works of Mercy they depict.

Spiritual Works of Mercy

1. Counsel the doubtful

Where does the scene take place?

What happens?

Who needs mercy, and why?

How will you show this person mercy?

What happens after you show this person mercy? What would happen if you didn’t show mercy?

2. Instruct the ignorant

Where does the scene take place?

What happens?

Who needs mercy, and why?

How will you show this person mercy?

What happens after you show this person mercy? What would happen if you didn’t show mercy?

3. Admonish the sinner

Where does the scene take place?

What happens?

Who needs mercy, and why?

How will you show this person mercy?

What happens after you show this person mercy? What would happen if you didn’t show mercy?

4. Comfort the sorrowful

Where does the scene take place?

What happens?

Who needs mercy, and why?

How will you show this person mercy?

What happens after you show this person mercy? What would happen if you didn’t show mercy?

5. Forgive injuries

Where does the scene take place?

What happens?

Who needs mercy, and why?

How will you show this person mercy?

What happens after you show this person mercy? What would happen if you didn’t show mercy?

6. Bear wrongs patiently

Where does the scene take place?

What happens?

Who needs mercy, and why?

How will you show this person mercy?

What happens after you show this person mercy? What would happen if you didn’t show mercy?

7. Pray for the living and the dead

Where does the scene take place?

What happens?

Who needs mercy, and why?

How will you show this person mercy?

What happens after you show this person mercy? What would happen if you didn’t show mercy?

Corporal Works of Mercy

1. Feed the hungry

Where does the scene take place?

What happens?

Who needs mercy, and why?

How will you show this person mercy?

What happens after you show this person mercy? What would happen if you didn’t show mercy?

2. Give drink to the thirsty

Where does the scene take place?

What happens?

Who needs mercy, and why?

How will you show this person mercy?

What happens after you show this person mercy? What would happen if you didn’t show mercy?

3. Clothe the naked

Where does the scene take place?

What happens?

Who needs mercy, and why?

How will you show this person mercy?

What happens after you show this person mercy? What would happen if you didn’t show mercy?

4. Shelter the homeless

Where does the scene take place?

What happens?

Who needs mercy, and why?

How will you show this person mercy?

What happens after you show this person mercy? What would happen if you didn’t show mercy?

5. Visit the sick

Where does the scene take place?

What happens?

Who needs mercy, and why?

How will you show this person mercy?

What happens after you show this person mercy? What would happen if you didn’t show mercy?

6. Visit the imprisoned

Where does the scene take place?

What happens?

Who needs mercy, and why?

How will you show this person mercy?

What happens after you show this person mercy? What would happen if you didn’t show mercy?

7. Bury the dead

Where does the scene take place?

What happens?

Who needs mercy, and why?

How will you show this person mercy?

What happens after you show this person mercy? What would happen if you didn’t show mercy?