LESSON 7  
SUBJECT: Justice and Fairness (Mercy)  
BACKGROUND: Exodus 23:1-33  
MEMORY VERSE: “Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd.” Exodus 23:2-3 NIV  
LESSON AIM: To be encouraged to practice justice and fairness with all.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY OUTLINE

I. LAWS CONCERNING JUSTICE AND MERCY (EXODUS 23:1-9)  
1. What does the Mosaic Law say about the following:
   a. spreading false rumors (gossip)
   v. 1a
   b. being a malicious (false) witness
   v. 1b
   c. following the crowd
   v. 2a
   d. giving testimony
   v. 2b
   e. showing favoritism
   v. 3
   f. finding animals of even ones enemies or those one hate
   v. 4
   v. 5
   g. toward the poor in lawsuits
   v. 6
   h. charging anyone falsely
   v. 7a
   i. sentencing the innocent to death
   v. 7b
   j. consequences
   v. 7c
   k. toward bribery
   v. 8
I. oppressing an alien (stranger)

v. 9a

m. What were the Israelites to remember?

v. 9b

II. LAWS ABOUT THE SABBATICAL YEAR AND THE SABBATH (EXODUS 23:10-13)

2. What was the law of the Sabbatical Year? Exodus 23:10-11a

v. 10

v. 11a

3. Who would benefit from the Sabbatical Year? Exodus 23:11abc

v. 11a

v. 11b

v. 11c

4. What was to continue to yield and yet not be harvested in the Sabbatical Year? Exodus 23:11d

5. What did the Israelites have to do in order to make it through the Sabbath Year?

Psalm 115:9-11

Deuteronomy 11:13-15

Leviticus 25:5-7

6. What was the law of the weekly Sabbath? Exodus 23:12

7. What day of the week is the Sabbath?

8. What were Israelites charged to be attentive to? Exodus 23:13a

9. What were the Israelites never to invoke or speak of? Exodus 23:13bc

v. 13b

v. 13c

SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION

10. Do you think the laws mentioned in this week’s lesson are applicable today? Why or why not?

11. How does this week’s lesson show justice and fairness to individuals?

12. How would following these laws make our society better to live in?