



WEEK 4 – The Comeback: Grace and Mercy

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8–9 — “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith...”

Main Point: We can’t earn God’s love — it’s a free gift!

Whiteboard Illustration:

Draw a trophy labeled “**Eternal Life.**” On one side, draw a player working hard labeled “**Good deeds,**” and on the other side, a gift box labeled “**Grace.**”

Coach Says:

“In sports, you earn trophies by winning games. But you can’t earn God’s love like that. Grace means God gives us something we don’t deserve — forgiveness. Mercy means He doesn’t give us what we do deserve — punishment. We can’t work our way to heaven; Jesus already won the victory for us!”

Reflection Questions:

1. Why can’t we earn God’s love?
2. What’s the difference between grace and mercy?

Prayer:

“God, thank You for Your grace and mercy. Help me remember that Your love is a gift I could never earn.”