

Lesson 7: God is Fair and Just!

Objectives: Students will...

- 1) Determine definitions for fair and just and determine that God is fair and just with us
- 2) Discuss verses from the Bible that show God is fair and just
- 3) Do activities to reinforce that God is fair and just
- 4) Create a God is fair and just banner to help remember all the ways God is fair and just

Supplies:

Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Bible(s)
- Markers/Pencil Crayons
- Pencils
- Attendance Chart (See Template)
- Stickers for Attendance
- Word Search – one per child
- Banner Paper (11 x 17 computer copy paper or large construction paper) - one per child
- Banner Template –one per every two children
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Chalkboard or Easel to write down ideas for all to see

Optional

- God Rewards Color Page – one per child
- Maze Activity Sheet – one per child
- Snack: Crackers 2 per child
- Napkins for snack one per child
- Juice or water and cup one per child

Lesson:

1) Introduction to Lesson

10 minutes

As students enter welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Have children put a sticker beside their name for this week on their attendance chart. Once children are seated say;

What have we learned about God so far? God is Love, God is worthy of praise, God is faithful.

Today we are going to learn that God is fair and just.

WHAT IS FAIR?

Can anyone tell me what fair is? Raise your hand if you know. Encourage children to raise hands and tell you what they think is fair. Examples may be – following the rules, doing something without cheating or lying, making sure everyone gets a turn or gets to share something, etc.

The word “fair” means: free from bias, dishonesty, or injustice: like a fair decision; a fair judge.

WHAT IS JUST?

Can anyone tell me what just is? Raise your hand if you know. Encourage children to raise hands and tell you what they think is just. Examples may be – following the law, doing what is right, being fair, etc.

The word “just” means: Honorable and fair in one's dealings and actions. God is absolutely fair in His dealings with us at all times; He is not biased or prejudiced in any way. He always judges with impartiality – he doesn't take sides. He treats everyone fairly.

About God being just and fair Deuteronomy 32:4 says,

He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

(Either write the verse on the board or have children turn to their bibles and look it up as you read.)

WHAT IS THIS VERSE SAYING ABOUT GOD?

Raise your hand if you can list some of the things this verse mentions about God. (Have students go through and mention He is a rock – meaning doesn't move or change; He is perfect and so are all the things He does; His ways are just – He does what is right and fair; God is faithful; He does no wrong - He makes no mistakes or bad things; He is upright and just.)

Any Questions?

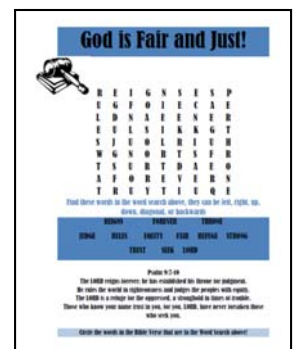
“That's not fair! Have you ever had a situation that you said that something wasn't fair? (Allow children to answer) Fair is when it is right, just, good, even. When something is not fair – how do you feel? (Allow children to answer) How do the other people feel? (Allow children to answer) Do you feel that justice has been done or that the situation ended well? (Allow children to answer) No! That is why it is so good that God is fair! What does that mean that God is fair? It means that God is like a good judge, He knows what is fair and just and right and He always makes sure He does it, when He judges it is always fair, just, and right. Let's do an activity that will help us learn more about God and Him being just and fair.

2) God is Fair and Just Word Search

10 minutes

Hand out one Word Search to each child (if you have children too small to understand the words, read the Bible verse allowed and then give the smaller children the optional color page activity to color while the older kids do the word search. Read the color page to the smaller children so they understand what they are coloring and hand out crayons.)

Say to the students: **God is fair and just, this verse that we are going to look at explains that God is judge and ruler – He has a throne and judges everyone. He is right and judges with equity or with fairness. We also read that God is a protector and will never let us down if we turn and follow Him.**



Can someone raise their hand and read the Bible verse at the bottom of the page? (Have child read Psalm 9:7-10) To help us remember this verse we are going to search for some

of the words in the word search. Read all the words allowed so children understand what each word says. **You might find the words straight across, diagonal, backwards, up, down, left, or right.** **When you are done, go through the bible verse again at the bottom of the page and circle every word that you found in the word search!** **Any questions?** (Hand out pencils and allow children to start, go around room helping if needed and if you have smaller children, hand out crayons and help them read the color page to understand that God rewards good and to color examples of children doing good on the color page.) When children are done have them put their names on the page, put the pencils down and move on to the next activity.

3) God is Fair and Just Banner Craft

15-20 minutes

Hand out one piece of construction paper or large copy paper to each child for their banner. Tell students to write their name on the back of the paper. Then hand out markers, crayons or pencil crayons along with a piece of template paper for each child. The template paper has the words "God is fair and just" along with a picture of a gavel and balance scales to show God is judge and is fair in all of His dealings, and with the scale you know that God's ways and laws always remains balanced!



"Each week that we study a characteristic about God we will make a banner. This will help us remember that God is many things and all of them amazing! This week we will add to our banner and make a God is Fair and Just page! I am handing out some pictures of things that show Fairness and Justice – a gavel is what a judge uses when he makes a decision, and scales show justice being done, when it is fair the scale is balanced! What are other things we learned today about God being fair and just? You can go through your activity sheets for words or ideas of things that remind you of how God is fair and just. You can also draw pictures of things that remind you. Hand out scissors and glue for students who want to use the template pictures and word phrase.

Go ahead and start and if you need help or have any questions feel free to ask!

Make sure students have access to their Bibles and activity pages for ideas and if necessary help them with cutting, gluing, verse look ups, or other things. Ensure kids clean up before leaving. If banners are dry kids can take them home or you can collect them and then hand them out to each child at the end with all banners the child will make stapled together to make one huge rolled up banner!

4) Optional: God is Fair and Just Maze Activity

5-10 minutes

Hand out a maze page to each child, tell them with their pencils try and follow a path through the maze that will get them from the gavel –which is something a judge uses, to the crown – which is something a king wears. Then read the verse at the bottom to show them God is just and fair and is both Judge and King of our lives! The way to be saved is through him!

Isaiah 33:22

For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; it is he who will save us.

5) Optional: God Rewards Those Who Are Good – Color Page**5-10 minutes**

If you didn't do the color page with the young children from earlier while the older children were doing a word search, you can hand out crayons and a sheet to each child and have them color the page. As they color, go through the list of things that these children are doing that are good and that will bring blessings to them from God because God rewards good! Have children write their names somewhere on the page before cleaning up their crayons and putting everything away.

6) Optional – Snack : Crackers to show Fairness**5 minutes**

Hand out exactly 2 crackers along with a glass of water or juice and napkin for children to clean their hands. As the children eat, ask them, **“How many crackers did everyone get? (Children should say: 2.) As we learned today God is fair and just. And, just like I gave exactly 2 crackers to everyone, God makes sure everyone gets exactly what they need and deserve.**

Remind children to clean up after themselves with the napkin making sure their cups and garbage are put in the garbage and that they clean up any crumbs from the table before going on to the next activity.

7) Close in prayer

Thank God that He is fair and just and will always be fair with us at all times. Thank God that He makes His laws and wishes known to us so that we can follow them and do well. Thank God that He rewards us when we do well with the promise of heaven, salvation, and a good life on earth free from guilt. Pray that we can always remember that God is fair and just and will reward those who do well and punish those who do wrong at the time God decides. And, thank God for all He does for us because He will never give up on us and will forgive us if we do wrong if we continue to follow Him. Thank you God!

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!