

# Lesson 8: I Should Be Fair Too!

**Objectives:** Students will...

- 1) Discuss fairness and reasons we should be fair
- 2) Do activities to remind us of being fair
- 3) Discuss verses in the Bible that show the need to be fair
- 4) Play a Board Game discussing situations that require us to be fair

## Supplies:

### Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)

- Bible(s)
- Markers/Pencil Crayons
- Pens/Pencils
- Attendance Chart (See Template from previous week)
- Stickers for Attendance
- Board Game Template printed on Cardstock Paper (one game for every 4-5 children)
- Rolling Die (one die per game)
- Board Game Cards printed on Cardstock Paper and Cut Out before class
- Game tokens – one per child printed on Cardstock Paper and Cut Out before class
- How To Be Fair – Matching Verse Activity and Color Page (one per child)
- Are you a Fair Person Quiz and Color Page (one per child)
- Chalkboard or Easel to write down ideas for all to see

### Optional

- Website access and computer to read story from internet on learning to play fair

### Snack:

- Graham Crackers with Squeezable Honey                      3 or so per child
- Napkins for snack    one per child
- Juice or water and cup    one per child

## Lesson:

### 1) Introduction to Lesson – What is Being Fair?

10 minutes

As students enter, welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming.

Take attendance and let each child put a sticker beside their name for this week. Once children are seated say, “**Last week we learned another characteristic about God – can anyone raise their hand and tell me what we learned so far about God?** (Have children raise hands and answer – God is love, God is worthy of praise, God is faithful and/or God is fair and just.)

**Last week we learned that God is fair and just. What He says, He does! He is honest and His rules are right and good. Just as a reminder what is fair and what is just?**

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

**WHAT IS JUST? “The word just means: Honorable and fair in one's dealings and actions.”**

**This week we are going to learn that just like God is fair and just we should be fair and just too! God says in the Bible in**

**Micah 6:8 "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."**

**What do you think act justly means?** Let students respond.

**God expects us to act justly which means to be honorable and fair in how we deal with other people and by the actions we choose. We need to follow God's rules of loving one another and obeying His commandments.**

**We need to be fair and just if we are going to please God!**

## **2) How to Be Fair Bible Verse and Color Page**

**15-20 minutes**

Hand out the activity page – one to each child along with pencil and a bible if they don't have one. Ask them to write their name on the front page and tell them they are going to learn examples of what it means to be fair and how each one of us can be fair. **"On the page are examples of how to be fair; don't play favorites, don't take advantage of other people, etc. We are going to read through these all and then we are going to look at each passage or bible verse on the right and see what example of being fair matches the Bible verse. Let's first read through all the examples of being fair and then we will open our Bibles to the first verse.** (Read aloud so each child knows what each phrase is saying, ask them if they understand for example – what is a favorite? What does it mean don't take advantage? When done this, then as a group open your Bibles to the first verse – James 2:1-4. Have a child volunteer to read it aloud by raising their hand, when done ask children by raising their hand which phrase it matches with. See answers below. Ask if there are any questions as you go through. Then hand out crayons and allow the children if time, to color the page.

### **Answers to Bible Match:**

Don't play favorites – James 2:1-4

Don't take advantage of other people. – Leviticus 25:17

Don't blame others for your mistakes. - 2 Peter 3:14

Listen to people carefully and speak nicely – Ephesians 4:29

Tell the truth – Proverbs 12:17

Take Turns. – Hebrews 13:16

Treat people the way you want to be treated - Luke 6:31

Play by the rules – 2 Timothy 2:5

## **3) Are you a Fair Person Quiz and Color Page**

**5-15 minutes**

Hand out Quiz to each child. Read through the questions before handing out pencils then hand out pencils and ask the children to first write their name somewhere on the page. Then say, we are all going to fill out this quiz. If you don't want others to know your answer that is fine, you can leave it blank but make sure in your head you know the answer. If you recognize you are not always fair that is fine! God knows and you can pray to God and he will help you as you help yourself, learn to be fair! God loves you and is so happy when you learn something and realize you need to work on something in your life, so it is ok if you aren't always fair, just realize what you can do to be fairer and practice it more in your life. After you are done filling out the quiz you can color the picture and then we will move on to another activity.

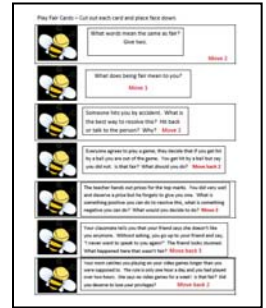


#### 4) I Should BEE Fair Board Game

15-30 minutes

Playing fair is about learning the rules of the game and putting them into practice – whether they're special family rules for card or board games, or the rules at Saturday football. This way, everyone gets to enjoy the experience. In some games, there's also room for making up new rules, which can be a great way to solve problems as a group.

Playing fair is also about learning social rules, like taking turns and being polite. It might mean helping out another child who is having trouble with the game, or giving others a fair shot at winning.



To help us remember what it means to be fair and just we are going to play a board game, we are each going to take a turn rolling the die and picking a card to answer, which I will read out loud. Based on the card you receive you will either move ahead or back that number of spaces on the card after you answer the question. If you land on the honey jar it means you are “stuck for a turn” and can't go any further till the next turn. You can answer a card, but you can't move the steps. But the next time you can move after you answer a card. If you go past the honey jar you are not stuck. Only if you actually land on it. Let's all choose a game piece and put our pieces at the start where the bee is, we then have to go all the way through, first one to the hive wins! (If you have more than 5 players you may want to make enough for two games – one for older kids and one for younger kids so that the assistant can help the younger ones and you help the older ones play the game. Remember since this is about playing fair and being fair – correct any poor sportsmanship and encourage kids to encourage others, cheer them on, and to take turns fairly! Judge whether the answers are fair. If you run out of cards, shuffle them and put them back face down to continue the game.)

#### 5) Optional – Rosa Learns to be Fair-Story from Internet

5-10 minutes

In order to do this you need internet access at your classroom and a computer or laptop large enough for children to see the screen. If this is available, go to <http://myyoungchild.org/stories/rosa-learns-fair/> or type in to google – Rosa learns to be fair. Read the story to the children or click on the volume button for the story to be read aloud by the computer. Click next as needed. There are 8 pages to this story. You can also go to the bottom of the page and click on [Go to Discussion & Activities for this Book](#) to see further questions you can ask to your class about this story.

#### 6) Optional – Snack: Graham Crackers and Honey

5 minutes

Hand out Graham Crackers and put a small amount of squeezable honey in the middle of each cracker! **This snack reminds us to play fair because if we don't we might end up in a sticky situation!** Also hand out a glass of water or juice and napkin for children to clean their hands. As the children eat, say, **“Just like God is fair and just so should we!** While they are eating review what they learned and how we need to be fair like God every day.

#### 7) Close in prayer

Thank you God for showing us examples of how we can be fair and just from the bible; and, how it pleases you when we are. Thank you God that you are always fair and just and that you do what you say you will do. Help us to do the same for others and be fair and just with your commands in the bible. It is in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.