

WHAT DO I NEED?

This activity helps children understand that God is fair when He supplies our needs.

by Leah Pittsinger

TOPICS:

Fairness, Knowing God

MATERIALS:

Props: cowboy hat, play food, gloves, swimming goggles, small gardening spade, umbrella, dog leash, paintbrush
Large bag (to hold the props)



DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes

PREPARATION:

Place the props inside the bag.

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Explain to the class that God is fair, so He gives us exactly what we need. Read each "pretend" prompt and choose a volunteer to find the correct prop to satisfy the need. Allow the children to hold or wear the props until the activity is complete.

1. Pretend you are a cowboy. What do you need? (*Cowboy hat.*)
2. Pretend you are hungry. What do you need? (*Play food.*)
3. Pretend you are going to build a snowman. What do you need? (*Gloves.*)
4. Pretend you are going swimming. What do you need? (*Swimming goggles.*)
5. Pretend you are going to plant a garden. What do you need? (*Small gardening spade.*)
6. Pretend it is raining. What do you need? (*Umbrella.*)
7. Pretend you are going to walk a dog. What do you need? (*Dog leash.*)
8. Pretend you are going to paint a picture. What do you need? (*Paintbrush.*)

Tell the class how each prop satisfies the need (such as the cowboy hat protecting a cowboy's head from the hot sun). Reiterate that God is fair and does no wrong, so we can trust that He will always give us what we need.

Time-Saving Option: Lay the props out on a table for easier access.

Increased-Difficulty Option: Add props that have nothing to do with the prompts.

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Deuteronomy 32:4a



GOD IS FAIR

A free Bible craft to help children remember that God is always fair.

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TOPICS:

Fairness, Knowing God

MATERIALS:

Bible activity page boy [PDF] [Click here](#)

Bible activity page girl [PDF] [Click here](#)

Crayons or colored markers



DURATION:

Approximately 15 minutes

PREPARATION:

Print a Bible activity page for each child in class.

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Allow the children to color the cards and then cut them out along the solid border. Help the children fold horizontally and vertically to finish their cards. Before leaving for the day, encourage the children to remember that God is fair whenever they look at their cards.

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ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

LESSON 6: GOD IS FAIR

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This Sunday school lesson will teach children that God is always fair because He can do no wrong.

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TOPICS

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AS KIDS ARRIVE (10 MINUTES)

What Do I Need? (Activity) [Click here](#)

WORSHIP TIME (5 MINUTES)

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BIBLE VERSE (5 MINUTES)

"For He is a God of justice." Psalm 50:6b NIV

This verse will remind children that God is perfectly fair.

BIBLE STORY (15 MINUTES)

Introduction:

Isaiah was a prophet who shared God's Word. He told God's people they would be taken as prisoners by their enemies because they wouldn't stop doing bad things. God was fair in punishing the people for disobeying Him. However, God also remembered His promises and forgave the people. Then, He allowed them to return to their land! God's fairness brought the people back into a correct relationship with Him.

Read Psalm 140:12 (The Lord is fair when we are in need.)

Discussion Questions:

1. Another word for fairness is "justice." Who receives God's justice? (*The poor and needy.*)
2. What do we need? (*Food, clothing, shelter, salvation, etc*)
3. Does this mean God will give us everything we want? (*No, He gives us what we need.*)

Read Isaiah 55:8 (God's ways are better than our ways.)

Discussion Questions:

1. Is it fair for God to punish us? (*Yes.*)
2. Is it fair for God to reward us? (*Yes.*)
3. Why is God's fairness the best? (*Because He is perfect and knows everything.*)

Read Isaiah 33:22 (God is our perfect judge and will save us.)

Discussion Questions:

1. Is it fair for God to give us rules to obey? (*Yes.*)
2. Who will save us? (*God.*)
3. Is it fair that God says we must accept Jesus into our hearts to go to Heaven? (*Yes.*)

Conclusion

God is completely fair in His dealings with us because He is perfect and knows everything. We can trust His fairness because He sent Jesus to die for everyone's sins. Just because someone has something we do not have does not mean God isn't fair. We all have the opportunity to accept Jesus into our hearts, have a relationship with God, and go to Heaven one day.

FUN TIME (15 MINUTES)

Fairness Treasures (Activity) [Click here](#)

ALTERNATE FUN TIME (10 MINUTES)

Beanbag Fairness (Game) [Click here](#)

PRAYER/SNACK (10 MINUTES)

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Start by praying to God and thanking Him for His fairness. Then allow the children to choose from an assortment of snacks such as pretzels, crackers, or fruit snacks. Also give them small cups of water or juice. Ask the following prompts during snack time:

1. Would it be fair to let only one child choose a snack? (*No.*)
2. Is it okay to have different things than our friends have? (*Yes.*)
3. Is God fair when He gives each of us different gifts and talents? (*Yes, because He still provides for each child's needs.*)

CLOSING ACTIVITY (10 MINUTES)

God is Fair (Craft) [Click here](#)

NEXT WEEK

Come back next week to learn that God is merciful!

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON TAKE HOME PAGE

Give one copy to each child at the end of the class to take home [PDF]. [Click here](#)

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FAIRNESS TREASURES

This free activity helps children learn that God is fair when He gives us treasures.

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TOPICS:

Fairness, Knowing God

MATERIALS:

Paper lunch sacks

Permanent marker

2-5 small treasures for each child (such as pencils, erasers, stickers, candy, small balls or toys, etc)



DURATION:

Approximately 15 minutes

PREPARATION:

Place 2-5 treasures in each lunch sack (without labeling or marking the sacks in any way). Fold the tops down so the children cannot see the contents. Place the bags on the table or on the floor within reach of the children.

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Tell the class that God is always fair in choosing treasures for us! These treasures are also known as talents. For example, one child may be good at singing while another child is good at drawing. Allow each child to pick a sack and open the top to view the treasures inside. Then ask the children to give away the treasures to other kids in class just as God gives treasures to us! Facilitate the activity by ensuring that each child gets at least two treasures. Talk about being thankful for the talents (treasures) God has given us, even though they are different, because God is always fair and creates each of us in a special way. Lastly, write each child's name on his or her sack, so he or she can identify his or her bag of treasures.

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BEANBAG FAIRNESS

In this free Sunday school game, children have fun earning points as they learn about fairness.

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TOPICS:

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MATERIALS:

4 beanbags
Painter's tape (indoors)
Sidewalk chalk (outdoors)
Notepad
Pencil or pen



DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes

PREPARATION:

Use the tape or sidewalk chalk to make circles on the ground within tossing reach of the children. Tape or write a 1, 2, or 3 inside each circle. Then make a line on the ground for the children to stand behind. Write the children's names on the notepad to keep score.

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Tell the children they will each have a turn standing behind the line to toss the beanbags one at a time into the circles. When they succeed, they will receive the points within the circle. Keep a tally of each child's points. Let the kids play as time allows. At the conclusion of the game, explain to the children that this game was fair because they each had the same amount of turns and chances to earn points. Also tell them God shows His fairness by giving us all equal access to His love, salvation through Jesus Christ, and forgiveness.

Consider bringing a small prize for the child who receives the most points.

Time-Saving Option: Use fewer beanbags.

Increased-Difficulty Option: Instruct the children to stand farther away from the circles.

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