GOD IS JUST

BIBLE POINT
God is always fair.

BIBLE STORY
2 Samuel 11, 12:1-23

BIBLE VERSE
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1 John 1:9a

OVERVIEW
Because God is just, He cannot do anything that is unfair. This can be both a comfort and a warning. We are comforted that we will always be treated fairly. However, it is a warning to those who think they can get away with sin. There are consequences for our actions.
Lesser 6

DR. BEAKER

Supplies:
- Costume for Dr. Beaker

Good morning. (Dr. Beaker is wringing his hands.) I am very sad this morning. I found my assistants in the lab having a party. They spilled soda pop on the floor. There were cake crumbs all over the experiments. They know that parties are not allowed. What am I going to do with my assistants? (Shakes his head.) They know they are not supposed to have a party in the lab. It is not safe. Not safe at all. I thought they would obey the rules. But they did not. This makes me quite sad.

My assistants are now cleaning up the lab. It seemed like the only fair thing to do. They did not obey the rules. So there are consequences for not obeying the rules. For them, it means cleaning up the lab. Yes, it is the fair thing to do.

Speaking of fair, did you know that God is always fair? No matter what you can count on Him.

Remember, God is always fair!

DR. BEAKER’S LAB

WHAT COLOR WILL YOU GET?

Supplies:
- Red cabbage
- Water
- Pan
- Five clear drinking glasses
- Vinegar
- Baking soda
- Lemon juice
- Soda pop
- Alka-Seltzer®

Preparation: Make cabbage juice by boiling 6-7 leaves of cabbage in water until the water turns bluish-purple.

In each drinking glass, place one of the following:

½ cup vinegar, ½ cup water mixed with 2 tablespoons baking soda, ¼ cup water mixed with ¼ cup lemon juice, ½ cup clear soda pop, ½ cup water with one tablet of Alka-Seltzer® dropped in the water.
I am going to pour this purplish-blue liquid into each of these clear glasses of liquid. Watch carefully to see what happens.

Pour the cabbage juice into each glass. Each glass will turn a different color. Have the children guess what color the liquid will change before pouring it into each glass.

What happened? Each time we got a different color. Did you get the color you guessed each time?

God does not make us guess about how He will treat us. He is always fair. He loves each one of us the same. He cares about us the same.

**ALKALINE SALT ROCKETS**

**Supplies:**
- Water
- Clear film canister*
- Alka-Seltzer® tablets

Fill the film canister about 1/4 full of water. Place one of the pieces of the tablets in the film canister and push the cap of the canister down quickly. Place the canister on a flat surface and stand back. Warn the kids that the canisters will make an unexpected bang.

**Safety:** Do not stand over the canister looking down at it! The top will pop off of it and it could hurt your eyes.

Have you ever become angry? Have you ever been so angry that you acted like that rocket, you just exploded with a loud bang? When you got angry you probably had a consequence to your actions. You might have had to sit in time out. Or maybe you had to go to your room.

When we make wrong choices, God will not let us get by with our wrong choices. He loves us too much for that. He wants us to make right choices. We have consequences to help us remember to not make a wrong choice again.

God is fair. He does not let us get by with our wrong choices. But He will forgive us for the wrong things we do. Those wrong things are called sin. The Bible tells us that Jesus will forgive our sin. We must ask him. 1 John 1:9 says, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins.” That means when we tell Jesus what we have done and tell him that we are sorry, He will forgive us.
BIBLE STORY

David and His Sin

Supplies:
- Piece of candy
- Small toy
- Washcloth
- Box

I have some thing in this box. I am going to pull each thing out of the box and tell you a little story about them. You are going to tell me if this is a right choice or if it is a wrong choice. Ready?

(Reach in the box and pull out the candy.) What is this? A piece of candy. Let’s say that your mom has told you that you cannot have any more candy today. However, you really want this piece of candy. When no one is looking, you sneak the candy into your room and eat it. Have you made a right or a wrong choice?

(Reach into the box and pull out a toy.) What is this? A toy. Your friend comes over to play. She is not being nice. She keeps taking toys from you. You get so angry with her that you take your toy and hit her on the head. Have you made a right or a wrong choice?

(Reach into the box and pull out washcloth.) What is this? A washcloth. You dad asks you if you have washed your face. You tell him yes. You did not actually wash your face but you do not want to have to go do it now. If you told him you did not wash it, he would make you go wash it right away. Have you made a right or a wrong choice?

All of these choices were the wrong choice. Today we are going to learn what David did after he made a wrong choice.

What do you remember about David? He was a shepherd that took care of his father’s sheep. He fought the big giant Goliath and won. He played his harp for King Saul. God had said that one day David would be king.

David became a soldier but King Saul did not like him. He tried to hurt him. David had to hide from King Saul. After some time, King Saul died and David was made king.

One day David made a bad choice. He did something wrong, that was sinful. Then he tried to hide it so no one would ever know what he had done. But we have learned that we cannot hide anything from God. Even though King David tried to hide it from the people, God still knew.
Because God is just, which means He is fair, He would not let David get by with doing this wrong thing. God sent Nathan to talk to David.

Nathan talked to David. He told him that what he had done was wrong. David said, “I have sinned against the Lord.”

David repented of his sin. He was sorry. God forgave David.

The Bible tells us that if we tell God that we are sorry, He will forgive us for our sin. Whenever we make a wrong choice, we can pray and ask Jesus to forgive us. We must be sorry. We must be willing to change and not do that thing again.

**PRAYER**

Give the children some time to ask God to forgive them for any wrong choices. Ask Him to help them make right choices.

**LAB TIME**

**CLEAN IT UP**

**Supplies:**
- Clay pot with hole in the bottom or a funnel
- Coffee filter
- Bowl
- Water
- Coffee grounds
- Paper cups

Have each child mix water and coffee grounds together in a cup.

**Does this water look clean? What is wrong with it? How can we get rid of the black specks in the water?**

Place the coffee filter in the clay pot or funnel. Have the children pour their cup of water into the filter. Hold a bowl underneath to catch the water. Show the children what remains in the filter and the water in the bowl.

**Is the water clean now?**

When we have made wrong choices and sinned, our lives are like the dirty water. Jesus can get rid of the dirt and make us all new. When we ask him to forgive us for the sin, he makes us clean. He leaves all the sin and all the bad choices behind.
WHAT WILL THE MAGNET PICK UP?

Supplies:
- Magnet wand
- Mixture of small objects including some metal ones like paperclips
- Container to hold the items

Let the children take turns holding the magnet over the mixture of small objects.

What did you notice when you held the magnet over the container of objects?

(Some things attached to the magnet and some did not.)

The magnet pulled things out of the pile. It got rid of some of the things that were in the pile. When we ask Jesus to forgive us for our sin, He gets rid of the sin.

CIRCLE TIME

Have the children sit in a circle. Go around the circle and have each child share a good choice they made that day. Encourage them to ask Jesus to help them make good choices every day. Also encourage them to ask for forgiveness if they make a bad choice.

SNACK

Apple Slices

Supplies:
- Apple slices
- Plates or napkins

Give each child two apple slices. Have the children put them together so they form a mouth.

Discuss how it is important to say we are sorry when we do something wrong. God is always just and fair. He will always forgive us if we are sorry and we ask him to forgive us.
**CRAFT**

Paper Bag Puppet

**Supplies:**
- Paper bags
- Crayons

Have the children draw a face on the bottom of the bag for the puppet. Draw and color clothing on the bag.

When the puppet is completed, have them put their hand in the bag and have the puppet say, “I am sorry.” Use the puppets to practice apologizing to people and asking forgiveness.

**GAME**

Right or Wrong Choices

**Supplies:**
- None

Point out one side of the room is for right choices. Point out the opposite side of the room is for wrong choices. Call out a choice below. The children run to the side of the room that is represented by the choice.

1. Picking up your room
2. Lying to your parents
3. Hitting your brother or sister
4. Praying before you eat
5. Obeying your parents
6. Being kind to friends at church
7. Throwing a fit when you do not get your way
8. Sticking out your tongue at someone
9. Not sharing your toys
10. Sharing your toys

**ACTIVITY PAGE**

Copy the activity page for each child. Have the children circle what they should do when they make a bad choice.
Creative Play

David’s Life Review

Supplies:
- None

Review David’s life by acting out different parts of his life. Call out each phrase below and the children act it out.
1. David watches sheep
2. David fights Goliath
3. David plays his harp
4. David is a soldier
5. David hides from King Saul
6. David becomes king
7. David makes a wrong choice and is sorry
Circle what you should do when you have made a bad choice.
**Bible Point**

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**Bible Passage**

David makes a wrong choice

Based on 2 Samuel 11, 12:1-23

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**Discussion**

- Talk about a time when you felt someone was unfair to you. How did it make you feel? How does it make you feel to know that God will always be fair?

- Talk about a time when you made a wrong choice. What happened?

**Family Fun**

Play a game.

Make sure you are fair to one another and take turns.
**TEACHING NEEDS**

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**ACTIVITY PAGE:**

☐ A copy for each child

**CREATIVE PLAY:**

☐ None

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