

WEEK 1

GOD IS JUST GOD DETERMINES RIGHT AND WRONG

PRIMARY LESSON GUIDE



THE FOUR KEYS

KEY VERSE

The heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is judge! Psalm 50:6

KEY IDEAS

1. God's law is good.
2. God's law tells us right and wrong.
3. God writes His law on our hearts.

KEY PASSAGE

Romans 1:18-22

KEY PRINCIPLES



EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW . . .

God's law is good and He determines right and wrong.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL . . .

thankful that our Creator God only does what is good.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO . . .

Know the 10 Commandments and why we have them.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD WANT . . .

to do what is right and good according to God who is the source of all good.

INTRODUCTION

God alone is Lord over everything that exists because He is the One who created all things. Everything God created He declared to be good, and every good thing that exists comes from God! All good things come from Him because goodness is a part of His nature. There is nothing God creates or gives that is not good. God gave us life, and He declared life to be good. God desires to give us life abundantly, and that means He must judge sin. Because sin is rebellion against God and leads to death and destruction, it must be punished. Because God punishes sin, we can know and trust that He is good and all His ways are just. God's law shows us what is good and what God desires. God's law reveals our sin and our need for Him to save us!

OPENING ILLUSTRATION

Begin class by playing a few rounds of Simon Says. Instead of allowing the kids who obey Simon to stay in the game, allow the children who don't obey to stay. Tell the children who obey to sit down. When you've sat down several children who played correctly, begin a discussion about injustice. Ask, "Is it right that the children who didn't obey got to stay in the game? What should have happened?" Explain, "This is an example of an injustice. It wasn't right that the children who obeyed the rules got punished. God is a just God which means that He is fair. He will always punish injustices, and we should oppose them, too."

STORY

Begin by recapping the key points from the previous month, God is Holy. Holy means "set apart" from sin. Read Romans 1:18-22.

God's law is written on our hearts because we are made in His image. We understand right and wrong because we were made by the One who determines right and wrong. However, in our sinful nature, we desire the things that are wrong and sinful because our hearts are wicked without Jesus! We desire to rebel and follow our own ways instead of God's ways even though God's ways are for our good! We sometimes think we know better, but the truth is that God knows everything and He wants good for us! All God gives is good because He IS good, and we can trust Him!

God's Word is good and true, and we can know it by reading our Bibles and praying to God for help when we don't understand. God wants us to know Him and be loved by Him more than anything, and we can come to Him and ask Him anything! He will always give us what is good.

ACTIVITY

After the lesson, play "Judge". Ask a few scenario based questions like "Is it right or wrong to tell a lie?" Once kids have given answers to a few questions, ask "How did you know it was right or wrong? Have you ever done something wrong and you felt in your heart it was wrong even though you might not have gotten in trouble right away?" Explain, "God has written His law on our hearts so we know when we have done wrong and sinned against Him! God did this because He wants us to know Him and be loved by Him."

PRAYER

Thank God that He is good and just (fair). Ask God to help you know and trust that all He does is good.

SONG

You are Holy by Kids Worship Songs (Veggie Tales)

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

Psalm 119:172, Deut. 32:4, Psalm 9:7-8, Rom. 12:19

ACTIVITY

Using the coloring sheet in your take home packet, explain the purpose of a judge and a court. What are the consequences of breaking the law? Because we have all sinned, we have broken God's law, and our sin must be punished. Explain that Jesus, through His death and resurrection, paid for our sins so that the injustice of our sin could be punished and we might live freely. By believing and trusting in Him, we can go free!

DISCUSSION

- What are some of the injustices we see in the world around us? (Injustice = things that are not fair or good)
- How does God feel about those injustices and what does the Bible say He will do? (Psalm 9:7-8)

PRAYER

Thank God that He is just and good. Thank Him that He helps us to know what is just and good. Ask God to help you have a heart that desires to follow His laws more than your sin.

