

**Youtube Link:** <https://youtu.be/xGHhVvezRO4>

**Children's Bible Story Video:** [https://youtu.be/zHJWNy0\\_N88](https://youtu.be/zHJWNy0_N88)

**Worship Theme:** God is just.

**Memory Verse:** "Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord." (Romans 12:19)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. We Will Win <https://youtu.be/Ba2UR8O5Rgw>
2. Jesus, I Trust You [https://youtu.be/Vq\\_yln2huAM](https://youtu.be/Vq_yln2huAM)
3. God Will Make Me Happy <https://youtu.be/S6mfIMXkLNc>

## Pray

**Song:** Select songs from the list above.

## Icebreaker: Fair or Unfair

Materials Needed: plate, some candies

1. Divide the children into 2 groups.
2. Put some candies on a plate and place it at the end of the classroom.
3. Explain to the children that this is a race to get the most candy.
4. But Team 1 can run and Team 2 can only walk to get the candies.
5. Each child can run to the candy plate and grab 1 candy to bring back to the group.
6. Play the game for 2 minutes.
7. When the game is over, ask the children if this game was fair. (Let the children answer.)
8. What if the group that got to run didn't have any food for 2 days? Then is it fair that they got to run to get the candies? (Yes...because they are hungry)
9. Explain to the children that sometimes things may not always seem fair in our lives, but God is always just and fair because he knows everything.



## Introduction:

If your friend punches you in the face, what should you do? To be fair, you should punch him back, right? Or we want to see our friend get punished by the teacher. We want fairness to come to us immediately. But God's justice may not always happen immediately. Let's find out today how God's justice was shown to David when he made a good choice.

## Bible Story:

In today's bible story, King Saul came with a big army to search and kill David. King Saul was trying to kill David because of his jealousy and also because he knew God chose David to be the next king, instead of his sons.

It was late at night and David and his fighter named Abishai went down to spy on Saul's camp. David found Saul deep asleep with his spear stuck on the ground above his head. Abishai told David that this was his chance to kill Saul since Saul is trying to kill David. Abishai thought this was fair. And David can become the next king!

But David said that Saul was a king whom God anointed and that he did not want to kill someone whom the Lord had chosen. David also knew that God is just and that God will punish Saul in God's time. Plus, David knew that killing Saul was not the fair way to become the king of Israel. So instead of killing Saul, David took Saul's spear and his water jug and left.

Then David went to the top of the hill and told Saul that he could've killed him but decided not to because he was God's anointed. David showed Saul's spear and told Saul to send one of his men so he could return the spear to Saul. When Saul heard this, he realized he was wrong to try to kill David and decided to leave.

You may have thought it was fair that David kills Saul since Saul was trying to kill David. Like Abishai, you may have thought God was giving David a chance to get rid of Saul just to be fair. But David did not sin by killing Saul. And because David trusted in God to be fair, God raised David to be one of the best kings of Israel.

Sometimes God's justice isn't easy for us to see because we're looking for immediate fairness—a reward for what's right or a punishment for what's wrong, right now. But God who sees everything and knows everything is fair to all even when we cannot see it. It takes time for humans to see God's justice. Just like David, we have to believe that God's justice is better than our understanding of fairness.

#### **Questions to discuss:**

1. Why did King Saul come with an army? (to kill David)
2. What did Abishai, David's friend, tell David to do when they found King Saul sleeping? (to kill King Saul)
3. Why did David not kill King Saul? (1. Because Saul was chosen by God 2. God is just so David knew God would punish Saul in God's time)
4. How can you trust in God's justice when things don't seem fair? (God who knows everything will work in God's perfect time)

#### **Game: "Catch the Ball"**



Materials Needed: Two chairs, volleyball

1. Divide the children into two equal groups.
2. Select 3 children from each group. One person stands on a chair, another person holds the chair. Then the third will stand next to the opposing to prevent them from getting the ball. The other children will stand around the classroom.
3. The teacher will throw the ball into the air, and the children from each group will try to get the ball and throw it to the person on the chair. The group who caught the ball most will win the game.
4. After the game, explain to the children that they played with game in fair way without playing any tricks. Because God is just, it is important for us to be just and fair as well.

#### **Memory Verse:**

"Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord." (Romans 12:19)

**Craft:** "David Spares Saul" - Coloring Page

**Song:** Select songs from the list above

#### **Pray**

#### **Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)**

Saul tried to kill David again and again. Yet when David had chances to kill Saul, he refused. How do you feel toward those who make things tough for you? Do those feelings please God? With God's love in our hearts, we can love even our enemies. Jesus loved even the people who nailed him to the cross. As we seek to be like him, we'll be able to love even those who want to harm us! Choose to show love this week to that person who is not easy to love.

# David Spares Saul's Life



Memory Verse: \_\_\_\_\_

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