

# Bringing justice



**Bible verses:**  
Amos 5:24



**Aim:**

To recognise God's desire for justice and fairness in how we treat others, and to consider how we can bring justice and goodness to our communities



**Today's fruit:**  
Goodness



## Memory verse

**'But God has told us what is good. This is what the Lord wants from us:**

**"You must be fair to other people," God says.**

**"You must want to be kind.**

**And you must be careful to do what I show you.'"**

(Micah 6:8 *EASY*)

Or



## Memory verse

**'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.'**

(Micah 6:8 *NIV*)



## Start it

Today we are going to hear a special message from God about justice and fairness. This message was given to a man called Amos, to share with everyone.

Bring out three toys – eg one teddy and two dolls. Explain that they are going to have a picnic together, and one of the dolls brought the snacks – six cookies. Hand out the cookies so the teddy gets one, the doll that brought the snacks gets three and the other doll, their best friend, gets two.

Discuss with the group if this was fair. If not, why? What would make it fair? What would you say to the doll who brought the cookies, to explain why it should be fair?



## Share it

Share a child-friendly version of Amos 5:24 (eg Biblegateway.com *ERV/EASY*).

Sit in a circle and ask the group to share together:

- How does it feel if someone won't let you play with a toy? Or you're given a smaller piece of chocolate than your brother or sister? Does that feel fair?
- What's it like when everyone gets the same-sized slice of pizza?
- What's it like to play a game where everyone is playing fair?
- What can we do to make sure everyone gets a chance to play?

A long time ago a man called Amos told people that God wants fairness for everyone. God wants to see justice and fairness and goodness all the time everywhere, never stopping, just like a river.

- How does it feel when people are fair, when people do what is right?
- What would the world be like if there was fairness everywhere - all the time?
- Why might God want us to show fairness to people?

## Sing It

**‘Micah 6:8’ (Preschool worship song)** By KidSpring Children’s Ministry (2:03)

**‘Justice’ (Official lyric video)** by Songs For School (3:36)

## Action it

Games and activities to reinforce the Bible passage:

- **Make:** Create a group picture of a river, out of painted handprints. Put thin amounts of blue and white paints on trays for the children. Add to the picture words that the children have said about fairness, goodness and justice.
- **Play:** Provide the group with toy figurines, put the children into small groups and ask if they can think of and act out a scenario where their ‘characters’ (toys) show fairness.
- **Pray:** Use a water tray or water bowls. After a quick play/splash with the water, ask the children to take the water in their cupped hands and then to let it fall back into the bowl. As they do this, pray together that fairness flows like a river everywhere in our lives.
- **Try:** Doing an action and never stopping! (Till the leader shouts ‘Amos!’) Try moving like a river and never stopping!