

FEAR – WEEK 3



KINGDOM

Having the right view of God's perfect
authority, justice, and grace

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Deuteronomy 10:12

LEADER DEVO

READ 2 Samuel 6:1-15. Do you think Uzzah's punishment was too severe? What does your answer say about your view of God's holiness and justice? Based on this story, does God want your good intentions or your obedience? Which shows fear of the Lord?

DID YOU KNOW? 1 Samuel 5 tells of when the Philistines captured the Ark and brought it into their own temple. Every day the statue of their god was found on the ground face down in front of the Ark and was eventually broken into pieces. It caused so much pain they sent it back to Israel.

REFLECTION: Read Romans 3:21-26. This paragraph has been called one of the most important in all of Scripture. How would you explain it in your own words? Why can't we truly understand the grace of God until we grasp His righteous justice?

PRAY: Thank God for being holy and just. Thank Him for the daily grace He showed you up to the day you placed your faith in Christ. Thank Him also for the everlasting grace He has given you because of Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

Finish Line:

Having the right view of God means understanding His perfect balance between JUSTICE and grace.

MAIN SCRIPTURE:

2 Samuel 6
Ark of the Covenant

LESSON MATERIALS:

- "What God is Like" pictures
- Smiley face, frowny face
- Situations page
- 2 poles
- 1 box
- Blue tape

Welcome and Introduction

One teacher should greet children and parents and mark the attendance sheet, while the other volunteer(s) mingle with the children as they enjoy the Activity Tubs. Play with them or simply talk to them, but make sure everyone is engaged and no one feels left out.

Practice the verse and definition for this month's character trait (hand motions are at the end of the lesson): **FEAR**

Activity #1

This month we're learning about FEAR. Can you say the definition with me again? Having the right view of God's perfect authority, justice, and grace. **A couple of weeks ago we talked about who God is. Let's say that definition together: God is the all-powerful** (muscle pose), **all-knowing** (point to brain with both hands), **all-seeing** (hands as binoculars) **Creator of everything** (arms circle big). **That tells us who God is. Today we are going to learn what God is like, and we have another special definition to help us remember. Let's learn it together!** Have one teacher hold up pictures while the other teacher teaches the words and hand motions. **God is HOLY** (make a halo over head with hands), **JUST** (pound fist in hand like a gavel), **LOVING** (hands over heart) **and FAITHFUL** (praying hands).

As we talk about fear and learn about God's perfect justice, we are going to focus on the first two words: holy and just. What does holy mean? Pure, absolutely perfect. **Because God is holy He can't be around anything that is not perfect, like sin. God hates sin and He will punish every sin.**

Do you know what it means when we say that God is just? He makes the rules; He is the perfect judge of everyone. **Because God is just, He gives us the right consequence for the choices we make. When we make a good or right choice, we get a positive consequence. When we make a bad or sinful choice, we get a negative consequence. Let's play a game to help us understand even more!**

Hang the smiley face and frowny face on opposite sides of the room. Gather the class in the center of the room. Read through the situations on the YELLOW paper one at a time and have the kids walk/hop/tiptoe/etc. to the face they think is the correct response. Once they choose a side, discuss what the consequence (positive or negative) would likely be and then have them all return to the center.

Let's all head to Big Group so we can learn about a story from David's life when God shows His perfect justice.

Line up for Big Group

- Count the kids and bring your clipboard with you! Line children up to travel to the large group area.
- You are responsible for your students and their behavior. If you need assistance with a particular child, please ask a staff member for help.

- Lead by example and encourage others to participate!

Snack & Storytime

- Each student may have **HALF** of a cup of goldfish.
- After they finish their goldfish, they may have water in the same cup.
- Remember, this is a small, **QUICK** snack.

While the children are snacking read **The Ark of God** in the **Gospel Story Bible** on page 117 and discuss the following questions:

- **What is justice?** The right consequence for the choice we make.
- **Who is the perfect balance of justice and grace?** God
- **Who did we learn about today that didn't fear God?** Uzzah
- **What happened to him when he disobeyed?** He died when he touched the ark of the covenant.

Activity #2

In Big Group we learned about the Ark of the Covenant. The ark was like God's throne and represented His presence and holiness. The Israelites didn't just use an empty box they found. God told them exactly how to build it, who got to carry it and what would happen if they touched it.

Think back to the story from Big Group. Did they carry the ark exactly the way God told them to? No, they put it on a cart instead of carrying it with the poles. **Were they showing God that they feared Him and understood His justice?** No. They did what they wanted and didn't follow God's directions. **Do you remember the consequence for anyone who touched the ark?** They died. **When Uzzah touched the ark he died, just like God said he would. King David realized he and the Israelites had not obeyed God and saw God's holy justice in action.**

Great job reviewing that story with me! Now it's time to play a game! We are going to have a race with our "ark" and "poles." You will have to be extra careful to NOT TOUCH THE BOX. You won't die because this isn't the real ark, but if you touch it or drop it you'll stop and say today's Finish Line before you pick it up and keep going.

Divide the class into teams of two. Use the tape to mark the start and finish lines, then have each team carry the ark from start to finish. Make sure to time them (using your phone or watch). If they touch or drop the "ark"

have them stop and say the finish line before continuing. Do this until everyone has had a turn, and encourage them to cheer for each other.

That was so fun! Everyone come sit close so we can talk about something really important. Who knows what sin is? Anything we think, say or do that is not pleasing to God. **And who is a sinner?** Everyone. **Do you know what the consequence of sin is?** Death. **Remember that because God is holy and just, He cannot let our sins go unpunished. We can't ever be holy and free from sin on our own BUT Jesus came and took the punishment we deserve when He died on the cross. Romans 3:24 says, "Yet God, in His grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty for our sins."** Jesus died on the cross to pay the consequence for all your sin. You can be saved by accepting God's free gift of salvation and believing that Jesus's death makes you clean and pure. When you face God's judgement, He will see that Jesus already paid your consequence and you can be with Him forever! Let's pray and ask God to help us learn about His perfect justice and thank Him for sending Jesus to pay for our sins.

Wrap Up

- Review the definition of **FEAR** and the memory verse

Definition:

Having the right view (binoculars) **of God's perfect authority** (salute), **justice** (fist in palm) **and grace** (fist flattens and smooths other hand).

Memory verse:

And now, Israel, (shrug shoulders) **what does the Lord your God require of you** (point to each other)? **He requires only that you fear the LORD your God** (palms out and up), **and live in a way** (path with your hands) **that pleases Him and love Him** (cross arms over chest) **and serve Him** (bow at waist) **with all your heart** (draw heart on chest) **and soul** (spin around in a circle).

Deuteronomy 10:12

Don't forget to clean up your classroom! Instructions are on the top of the tub. If you have questions, please see a host or coach!

Thank you so much for serving in K1 Race!!!