

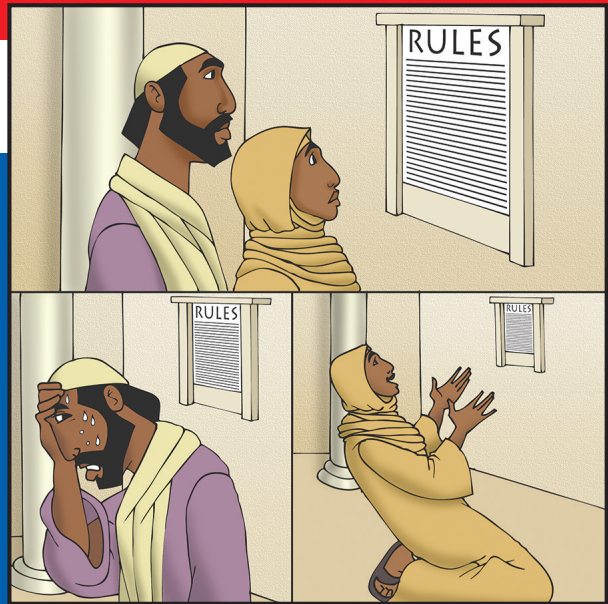
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BIBLE LESSON

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KEY VERSE: “This is what the LORD says: Do what is just and right. . . . Do no wrong or violence to the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood.” (Jeremiah 22:3)



Changing Our Ways

Lesson Scripture: Jeremiah 22:1-10

God's Word

1 This is what the LORD says: “Go down to the palace of the king of Judah and proclaim this message there: **2** ‘Hear the word of the LORD to you, king of Judah, you who sit on David’s throne—you, your officials and your people who come through these gates. **3** This is what the LORD says: Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of the oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place. **4** For if you are careful to carry out these commands, then kings who sit on David’s throne will come through the gates of this palace, riding in chariots and on horses, accompanied by their officials and their people. **5** But if you do not obey these commands, declares the LORD, I swear by myself that this palace will become a ruin.” **6** For this is what the LORD says about the palace of the king of Judah: “Though you are like Gilead to me, like the summit of Lebanon, I will surely make you like a wasteland, like towns not inhabited. **7** I will send destroyers against you, each man with his weapons, and they will cut up your fine cedar beams and throw them into the fire. **8** People from many nations will pass by this city and will ask one another, ‘Why has the LORD done such a thing to this great city?’ **9** And the answer will be: ‘Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God and have worshiped and served other gods.’” **10** Do not weep for the dead king or mourn his loss; rather, weep bitterly for him who is exiled, because he will never return nor see his native land again.

Bible Story

Changing Our Ways

Jeremiah 22:1-10

This is what the Lord God said to Jeremiah: "Go to the king of Judah and tell him, 'Listen to this message from the LORD and let everyone around you listen too. Do what is just and fair. Do what is right! Help those who have been robbed; rescue them from their oppressors. Do not mistreat foreigners, orphans, and widows. Stop murdering the innocent! If you obey what I have said, then there will always be a descendant of David's sitting on the throne in Jerusalem. But if you disobey, then this palace will be destroyed.'"

Now this is what the Lord said concerning Judah's royal palace: "I love you as much as fruitful Gilead and the green forests of Lebanon, but I will turn you into a desert and no one will be able to live in your towns. I will send in people to destroy you. They will cut up your fine cedar beams and throw them into the fire. People from other nations will pass through the city and say to each other, 'Why did the Lord destroy such a great city?' And the answer will be 'Because they did not keep their promise to the Lord and they worshipped and served other gods.' Do not cry for the dead king. Instead, cry for the king who is being exiled, because he will never return to his native land again."

Helping Others

(Part 1)

"Mom, for the past two weeks, Kai, a boy in my class, has been treated unfairly. I don't like it, but I'm not sure how I can help," Jada explained.

"Maybe I can help you think of some solutions," Mom suggested.

"When we are in P.E., the boys never choose him to be on their team. He's not very tall, so that's why they won't pick him," Jada commented.

"That's not very nice. I bet this makes Kai sad. I'm glad you want to help," Mom responded.

"A few of us noticed Kai dribbling on the sidelines, but he never gets into the game. Do you have any ideas, Mom?" Jada asked.

Exploring the Story

with Nicholas and Cornelius

Hi, friends! Nicholas and Cornelius here. Have you ever been in a situation like Kai's? He is being unfairly treated because of his height. Do you think Jada and her mother will be able to come up with possible ideas to help him? How do you think the other students will respond? What suggestions would you give Jada? How would you help someone who is treated unfairly?



Exploring the Story with Nicholas and Cornelius

Helping Others

(Part 2)

"I would begin by talking to the P.E. teacher and telling him what you have noticed," Mom said.

"We did, and Coach B. talked to the boys, but he lets them choose their own teams," Jada noted.

"Why don't you talk to a few of your friends and ask them to choose Kai tomorrow," Mom suggested.

"That's a great idea! I'll text some of them now. I'll let them know he's a really good dribbler and a team player," Jada replied.

"I know things are going to work out, and I'm so proud of you, Jada," Mom responded.

"I'm just trying to be the person you have always taught me to be—and that's to treat others kindly and fairly," Jada said with a smile.

I love their plan! I think it will help Kai to be chosen the next time they play basketball. What do you think about Jada's idea to call her friends? This week, look around your school to see if there are persons who are treated unfairly. If so, come up with an idea to help them just like Jada and her mom did for Kai.



A Crossword Puzzle

Reread today's Bible story and Scripture passage. Then use the clues below to fill words from today's lesson into the crossword puzzle.

Across

- 4 The prophet through whom God spoke in this lesson
5 God wants us to do what is just and _____.

Down

- 1 "Do no wrong or _____ to the foreigners."
2 People will say, "Why did the Lord _____ such a great city?"
3 "Go down to the _____ of the king."

