

Unit 6 Lesson 3 **God made us to treat others nicely**

Heartprint: **God Made Us to Do Holy Things**

Memory Verse: **Micah 6:8**

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Link to video large group: <https://youtu.be/Qo6XoALe6lk>

Song: God Made Me Wonderful

https://youtu.be/roOQJg_XKtc

Activity: Let's Talk About Good Gifts

Items Needed:

- Ball

Instructions:

Gather the children in a circle on the floor. Select a child to start the game by giving them the ball. They will answer the question, roll the ball to someone else in the circle who will then answer the same question and roll it to someone else, etc. First: *"What is your favorite gift you ever got?"* (Let each child have a turn) Second: *Tell us your favorite gift you ever gave someone.* (Allow all have a turn) Last: *Tell us a good gift to give to God.* (You might need to give them ideas before you start this turn of rolling the ball).

Ideas of things we can do that are good gifts to God:

- Tell the truth even if it gets you in trouble.
- Do more chores than what is asked of you.
- Help your sibling clean his/her room.
- Say "I am sorry" when you have done wrong.
- Forgive your friend if they accidentally hurt you.
- Obey your parents.
- Let others have a turn first.
- Share everything God gives you.
- Help your mom clean up.
- Say a prayer instead of throwing a fit when you are upset.
- Giving good attention to someone who is sad.

Connection Point:

It is always fun to get gifts, but it is also fun to give gifts! I am so thankful for the gifts I have received in my life. Since God made everything and has everything He needs, we can't give him gifts like we would give ourselves. Remember, the best things we can give God are the ways we do justice (doing the right thing even when it's hard), love kindness (always trying to be kind to everyone around us) and walk humbly with your God (trying our best to love God all the time and make others more important than we are).

Craft: Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly

Items Needed:

- *Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly* template (in a separate document)
- Finger paint

Instructions:

At the beginning of class, seat 3 or 4 children around the craft table at a time (more or less children depending on how many you can assist at a time). Apply finger paint to hands and feet then press onto the template. If fingerprint is not an option for your class, trace their hands and feet.

Connection Point: Today we are learning about our memory verse. "Do justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8 We are going to make a special poster using your hands and feet. This will help you to always try to do the right thing (justice), try to be kind to everyone around you (love kindness), and spend time helping others be important and loving God (walk humbly with your God).

Bible Lesson: God made us to treat others nicely

Memory Verse: "Do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

https://youtu.be/uiU5Q_lzrxs

This week's story is taken from Micah 6:6-8:

Have you ever given a thank you gift to a friend? We do this on Mother's Day and Father's Day to say thank you for all the things our parents have done for us.

What is a good gift to bring God? What kind of gift would make God happy?

Let's open our Bibles to Micah:

Micah was talking to the people of Israel. Do you remember all the BIG things God did for Israel? God brought them out of Israel in a mighty way! The Israelites were slaves in Egypt, but God sent Moses to lead them out of that slavery.

God is powerful and the Israelites were His people. The Israelites saw God's power as He worked for them. God brought plagues, split the Red Sea, led the Israelites in the desert and conquered their enemies. Do you think Israel obeyed God perfectly? No. Even after all the AMAZING things God did for Israel, they did not obey God. The People of Israel knew they were wrong and they wanted to bring a gift to God. They wanted to say thank you for all you have done and to say sorry we have disobeyed, but what do you bring God as a gift?

God is Creator. God made everything. So if you bring him one thousand sheep, do you think that impresses him? No. He made the sheep. If you bring Him a thousand rivers of oil would that impress Him? No. He made the oil.

What do you think we should bring as a gift to God? (Let the kids guess for a minute)

Have you ever made a list of gifts you want - like a wish list? Sometimes people can make a list of things they want for a birthday or a special party - like a new baby or when a man and woman get married. When someone is going to buy the gift, they look at the list and get exactly what you want.

God gave us a gift list. We have this great desire just like Israel to bring God a gift. We want to say thank you for saving us and sorry for not doing exactly what you said. This is God's gift list:

1. Do justice
2. Love kindness
3. Walk humbly

What does that sound like? It's our memory verse:

Do justice

and love kindness

and walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

So every time you do these things, you send a perfectly wrapped gift to God and He loves the gift!! I mean He really loves getting these gifts! Just like you love seeing presents on Christmas morning!

What does "do justice" mean? This is doing the right thing instead of what we want to do.

How about love kindness - what does that mean? This is when we always try to be kind to others.

How do you walk humbly? When you trust in God, you will put others before yourself. You want other people to feel more important than you.

This is how we live when we trust that God has better things in store for us than anything this world can offer. We trust that obeying Him is worth more than all the money in the world.

Is it a little hard to do these things? Yes, but they are good, and they please God! Every time we do them we send a little perfectly wrapped beautiful gift to God and He says, "This is good!" And guess what... God knows that we are actually happier when we live this way.

What could you do today that would be a gift to God? Really think about it because you are going to tell your teacher after the story!

Let's pray:

God you are powerful, you are creator, and you are good. What could we do to say thank you for all you have done for us? For each child and adult here today, show us ways we can bring a gift to you this week by doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with You. Lord please send the Holy Spirit to help us trust you. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Questions:

1. Who is Creator? (God)
2. Who is all-powerful? (God)

3. Who can we trust? (God)
4. Can we bring God a gift that He loves? (Yes)
5. What are the gifts that God loves? (do justice, love kindness, walk humbly)

Do



Justice



Love Kindness

Walk humbly with



your God

DO JUSTICE

Love



KINDNESS

**walk HUMBLY
WITH your GOD**