

GOD'S HEART FOR

JUSTICE PARENT CUE

WEEK 1

GOAL: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ACT JUSTLY?

We will have students reflect on the overlapping aspects of the church's pursuit of justice and the world's pursuit of justice. We are defining pursuing justice as "training ourselves to see what's wrong and take steps to see change." Ultimately, we will examine how justice is a thread we see throughout the narrative of Scripture and a call on each of our lives.

SCRIPTURE: MICAH 6:8

WEEK 2

GOAL: WHY DOES THIS PERSON MATTER?

Jesus provides us with the example of acknowledging the image of God in one another as we acknowledge our differences and move towards caring for one another. Students will complete the Coat of Arms worksheet in their small groups, which helps create a framework to talk about their stories and identify differences and similarities we experience.

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 9:1-12

WEEK 3

GOAL: ARE SOME PEOPLE MORE PRIVILEGED THAN OTHERS?

We will spend time unpacking the definition of humility, privilege and oppression, using Christ's humility as a framework. Students will participate in an activity that demonstrates the unfairness people experience due to who they are and where they are at in life. They will then have the opportunity to discover the difference between equality and equity. Lastly, we will walk students through a personal privilege profile that helps them identify where they are advantaged and disadvantaged.

SCRIPTURE: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-7

WEEK 4

GOAL: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO STEP INTO SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOES?

In week 4, we will walk through two different gospel stories where Jesus stands in solidarity with those who are marginalized in society. There will be a focus on helping students build empathy through developing listening skills and looking at lives of early Christians who stood in solidarity with the marginalized. Students will also participate in a privilege walk based on their peers' personal privilege profiles.

SCRIPTURE: JAMES 1:19, LUKE 12:11-19, MATTHEW 9:9-13

WEEK 5

GOAL: WHAT DOES JUSTICE LOOK LIKE IN MY ORDINARY, DAY-TO-DAY LIFE?

Since this is the final lesson in our series, our desire is for this to be extremely practical as students discover how they can participate in God's pursuit of justice. The goal of justice as described throughout the Scripture is shalom. Students will spend time exploring how shalom is more than peace and how they can be culture makers within their own contexts.

SCRIPTURE: JEREMIAH 29:1-7



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