

CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON
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SHARE AND SHARE ALIKE

This week our lesson will deal with fairness. We are going to look at some examples from David that we can follow. David shared very generously with his soldiers and went beyond being just fair. Most of us are concerned about being fair. We want others to be fair to us and we try to be fair to them. We are going to read about some situations and we are going to think about how we really feel about fairness.

In the first situation, Mrs. Kensington asks Emily to babysit her 2 children. She also asks Michael to mow her lawn. She paid each of them \$10. All Emily had to do was watch TV while the children slept. On the other hand, Michael had to work hard out in the hot sun. Michael told Emily he didn't think it was fair that Emily got the same pay as he did. Emily told Michael that Mrs. Kensington didn't know that the kids would sleep the whole time. It wasn't her fault they both got paid \$10.

Was this situation fair or unfair? Why?

If you were Michael, how would you feel in this situation? Why?

In the next situation Justin and Nicholas are science project partners. But it seems like Justin is doing all the work. They will both get the same grade even if Nicholas does nothing. Justin reminds Nicholas that he was going to help with the project and asks him to wash out a bowl and put some water in it so he could finish the experiment. Nicholas tells Justin he has to go home and Justin is on his own. Justin will have to finish the project on his own. Justin grumbles that he is not surprised. He started the project by himself, he would just finish it by himself too.

Was this situation fair or unfair? Why?

If you were Justin how would you feel? Why?

Have you experienced any unfair situations recently? What made the situation unfair?

We've been learning a lot about David. In this week's lesson David is faced with a dilemma. Can he make a fair choice? Let's read about what David did and see if you think his actions are fair or unfair.

For a time David and his men had been living with their families in the city of Ziklag. While David and his men were away, the Amalekites attacked Ziklag, burning the city and capturing all the women and children.

Read 1 Samuel 30:3-6.

How did the men react?

How was David affected?

Why were David's men upset with David?

What gave David strength?

Was David being treated fairly by his men? Why or why not?

Through the priest Abiathar, David asked God whether he should go after the Amalekites, and God told him yes. David's men had been travelling for many days already. Some of his men were too exhausted to go after the Amalekites. So David left them behind to stay with the supplies. With only 400 men, he went after the Amalekites. Along the way they found an Egyptian slave. This slave belonged to an Amalekite who had left him to die. The slave helped David find the Amalekite army. So David and his men fought against the Amalekites and defeated them. They recovered all of the people who had been taken away, as well as all of the possessions that they had taken,

I want you to think about things we can share even when it doesn't seem fair. And write them in this space.

Ideas are one thing, but we need to challenge ourselves to put our sharing into action. Let's think of ways we could share with others in this coming week. What things seem most unfair to share?

When do you have difficulty sharing with others?

Let's close with prayer. Heavenly Father, guide us this week as we try to put into action things that we can share. Please help us to have the courage to share even when it doesn't seem fair. Keep us safe this week. Amen.