

# **OPENING**

Open with a song or video that connects with Peace with Justice Sunday like:

- "If I Had a Hammer" by JAMaRoo Kids
- "Down by the Riverside" by Cedarmont Kids
- "We are the World" by Clarksville, Indiana School Students
- "This Little Light of Mine" by Wesley's Wuppets

## THE BIBLE STORY

Share the children's message from the leader kit or refresh the scriptural account briefly:

## Today's memory verse comes from 2 Samuel 23:3-4

One who rules over people justly
is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

David compares justice to the brightness of a sunny morning and the rain that brings life to the earth. God's justice brings light and life to our world, just like sunshine and rain. Light helps us see through the shadows and makes things clearer. Leaders guided by justice are like a bright light that shows us the path to live in peace and fairness.

# ACTIVITY AND CRAFT: PATHWAYS TO PEACE WITH JUSTICE

### Materials Needed:

- Smooth stones (one for each child)
- Paint or markers
- Brushes or markers
- Small pieces of paper or sticky notes
- Pens or markers for writing

### Instructions:

- Give each child a smooth stone and invite them to paint or decorate it with symbols, words, or images representing peace and justice.
- While the stones dry, provide small pieces of paper or sticky notes for the children to write down actions they can take to promote peace and justice at school, at home or with their sports teams.
- Once the stones are dry, ask each child to place their stone on the floor, creating a symbolic "Pathway to Peace and Justice."
- 4. As each child places their stone, they can share one action they will take to pursue peace and justice in their lives.
- 5. Reflect on the pathway created together, emphasizing the importance of each contribution to building a more peaceful and just world.

