

SPECIAL
SUNDAY

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



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

(pause for the children to repeat each line):

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.

Today our church and other United Methodist Churches are celebrating Peace with Justice Sunday. Do you know what peace means? (Pause for responses.)

Peace means being kind, getting along with others, and helping each other. And justice means making things fair for everyone. In the Bible, King David talks about how God's justice is like a bright light.

King David loved God very much and wanted everyone to live in peace and fairness. Some of his last words were about the justice that God wants us to live with. He said that God's

justice is like the brightness of a sunny morning and the rain that brings life to the earth. Just like sunlight helps plants grow and rain makes the flowers bloom, God's justice helps our world become a better place.

Look at this lantern (or flashlight)! It's like a little sun that shines bright in the shadows. God's justice shines light on what's right. When we treat others kindly and stand up for what's fair, we're spreading God's light of peace!

Think about how you can bring light and peace to the world around you. We each can be like little lights shining bright in the world, making it a better place for everyone!



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