



Family Discipleship Resource

Key Point: God is just. He is right to punish sin.

This week learned that God is just. He is right to punish sin. Sin is serious and the punishment deserved for sin is death. God was just and right to punish sin by sending the flood in Noah's day. In mercy, God punished sin fully and finally by sending Jesus to die in the place of God's children.

Capture discipleship moments: As a family, spend time reading and talking about God's word. Remind your child(ren) that **God is just: He is to punish sin.** We worship God because He is just.

1. What does it mean for God to be just?
It means that God is right to punish sin.
2. Why is it right for God to punish sin?
Because God is holy. He is completely perfect and separate from sin. Only he has the perfect understanding of what is right and what is wrong and has the perfect heart to punish.
3. What do sinners deserve from God because of the sin in their hearts?
Death.
4. How did God punish sin in Noah's day?
He sent a flood to wipe man off the earth.
5. Why did God save Noah and his family?
Noah was righteous. He walked with God and obeyed him, unlike the other people in his day.
6. What happened to everyone besides Noah and his family when the flood came?
They died.
7. Was God right to punish them this way? Why?
Yes. Because there was only wickedness and sin in their hearts. Sin is serious. God is just and was right to punish their sin.
8. How does God feel about sin?
He hates it and He is angry at sin.
9. Who is born with sin in their hearts?
Everyone, including us.
10. So, who deserves to be punished for their sin?
Everyone, including us.
11. What do you know about Jesus? What did Jesus come to do?
Jesus came to save sinners.
12. How did Jesus save God's children from sin and the just punishment they deserve?
Jesus saved sinners by dying on the cross and being raised to life.
13. Did Jesus deserve to die? Why or why not?

No. Jesus had no sin in His heart. He is holy – completely perfect and separate from sin.

14. When Jesus died, He took the punishment for the sin of God's children. Who are God's children?

Those who love and trust Jesus.

15. Are God's children punished any longer for their sin?

No. Jesus took all the punishment they deserved when He died on the cross.

****Additional passages for family study:** Together open and read **John 3:36**.

If you have a kinder or 1st grader, walk step by step through finding this passage in the Bible, starting with the Table of Contents. If you have an older child, consider reading the entire chapter and then focusing on v. 36

1. What words in this passage do you not recognize or understand?
2. When someone trusts Jesus, what do they receive? What are they saved from?
3. How did Jesus' death make a way for God's children to be saved from God's anger toward sin?
4. Why was Jesus punished for sin if He was innocent and never sinned?
5. Is it hard to believe that God is right to punish sin?
6. How does knowing that God is just lead us to praise Him?

Create discipleship time: Recap by asking your kids what they learned, as they **color their Just Attribute Sign** for your Attribute Wall at home.

1. What is one thing you learned about God today?
God is just. He is right to punish sin.
2. What is one thing you learned about yourself today?
I can be saved from sin by trusting Jesus.

Pray together as a family. Praise God because He is just. He is right to punish sin. **Thank** God that His righteous anger toward sin was fully and finally poured out and satisfied by Jesus' death on the cross. **Confess** to God times you don't like God's justice and want Him to overlook sin. **Ask God** to cause you to hate sin because God hates sin and it separates us from God. If you are not a Christian, ask God to give you a heart to love and trust Jesus that you might be saved from your sin and God's righteous anger towards sin.

MVOTM. *Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.*

Jeremiah 17:7-8