

**Lesson Plans that Work**  
**Year A – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Lesson Plans for Younger Children**  
*Revised Common Lectionary Old Testament Readings – Track One*

**Scripture: Micah 6:1-8**

**A Notation for this week’s Scripture**

The prophet Micah is trying to get the people of Israel to remember their covenant with God. They are to do justice and live humbly. God does not want extravagant offerings or sacrifices. Today we hear God having an argument with his people. Children sometimes have arguments and they will relate to this story. God is reminding the people about all the wonderful things that have been done for them. The people have gone back to their old ways and are not living their lives in a gracious way. They are no longer humble.

“Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” *He told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6: 7-8)*

**Theme: Justice, Mercy, Walk Humbly**

**Before:** You will need copies of the Micah heart for each child, large paper, crayons, markers, and other art supplies for the mural.

**Beginning:** Open your time together with singing. Choose one to use each session of this unit. It could give structure to sing the same song before the story as a cue to the children it is circle time. Suggested songs:

- This Little Light of Mine
- He’s Got The Whole World in His Hands
- The Hymnal 1982, #490 - I want to walk as child of the light
- Wonder Love and Praise, #787 – We are marching in the light of God

**Opening Prayer:** God of Love, we thank you for our time together today so we can explore what it is you call us to do and how we should act each day. Amen.

**The Story:**

People who lived before Jesus waited a long time for him to be born. While the people waited God began to get them ready to receive the gift of Jesus. God told particular people called prophets what was going to happen. Prophets listened to God in a special way. The prophets reminded the people of God’s love and the great deeds God did.

The Lord God spoke to Micah and Micah said this to the people: (Micah 6:8)

“He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

**Questions:**

- What do you think it means to do justice? How are we to treat others?
- I wonder what it means to love kindness? What would the world look like if we were kind to everyone? God wants us to show mercy towards one another; sometimes being kind when someone isn't kind to us.
- What do you think it looks like to walk humbly with God? How is this possible?
- The Golden Rule tells us to treat others as we would like to be treated. What do you think this means? How would our relationships be if we each lived like this?

**Activities:**

**Micah Mural:** Invite the children to imagine that you have been asked to paint this on the side of a building. How can we convey this message in words and pictures? Allow them plenty of time to create their mural.

**Micah Message Poster:** As a way of taking the message home, invite them color and decorate their own “do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with God” sheet. If possible, this should be copied on heavier paper than normal paper so they feel like it is something to take home and hang up.

**Closure/Prayer Time:** Dear God, please help me to remember to live each day of this week giving kindness and justice, and to walk humbly with you. Amen.

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