

ANCHORED | THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

Lesson 3: Is God Unfair?



Dear Parents,

Hello! I wanted to remind you about the study we're doing that focuses on helping students remain steady in the face of adversity, and encourage them grow deeper in their relationship with God. This Bible study is called *Anchored: Sure and Steadfast*, and this week is the last of a three-lesson unit called *The Existence of God*. The lesson was entitled "Is God Unfair?" and it deals with the question of God's fairness in a way that challenges our understanding of what is just, while also finding gratitude for a gracious and merciful God.

LESSON OVERVIEW: There have been wars fought over freedom and revolutions started by groups who seek justice. Entire governments have been centered around the idea of finding fairness for their people. And this is the tip of the iceberg when it comes to how humans have been striving for some sense of fairness. But when we talk about fairness, we are in danger of making some poor assumptions. First, we might assume that humanity, with sin in our DNA, is capable of being fair at all times to one another. This would be incorrect. Then, we might assume that we can understand fairness for a situation in both the long term and the short term. Given our inability to see the future and all of its moving parts, this is also incorrect to assume. In this lesson, we will determine that God's sense of justice is far greater than our own and that our question of his fairness comes from a limited perspective.

WHAT WE WANT YOUR STUDENT TO LEARN: Human understanding of fairness is limited to our experiences. Understanding that God is just begins with identifying the ways He works in our lives and in the world for His purposes.

WHAT WE WANT YOUR STUDENT TO DO WITH WHAT THEY'VE LEARNED: Redefine the age-old question of God's fairness. By understanding that God works on a different timeline and with larger goals in mind, students can reframe their understanding of what is fair and what is God.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES WE STUDIED: Hebrews 4:14-16, 2 Peter 3:8-9, John 15:18-21, Luke 15:11-32, Lamentations 3:22-27

Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.

Next Steps. . .

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your student, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- What was your Anchor Statement for this week? (Answer: God is just and fair, even when I don't see it in the moment.)
- How do you think our family can do a better job of displaying grace and mercy to one another?
- What is a way that you've experienced God's mercy in your life?

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your teenager, and they desperately need you. I'm praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don't hesitate to let me know.