

# ***UMCOR Sunday Children's Sermon: Act Justly***

*"And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." - Micah 6:8, NIV*

## **Introduction**

This sermon focuses on a different aspect of Micah 6:8. You may want to use this in Sunday school classes or as part of worship, depending on your church's needs. This lesson should begin two weeks prior to the offering celebration.

## **Materials**

- Stickers for each child
- Clean socks, one for each child to collect coins for the offering

## **Lesson**

Invite the children forward and divide them into two groups.

Give each child in the first group two stickers —one to stick on their shirt and one to hold. Then turn to the second group, they will be expecting stickers, too. But just ask everyone to settle down and begin.

**Say:** Over the next few weeks we'll be talking about this one Bible verse. (Read Micah 6:8.) God gives us a "to do" list in this verse. Who can remember what's on that list? (act justly, love mercy and walk humbly).

The first item on God's "to do" list for us is act justly. This means we should treat people fairly. You can think about this as being fair or doing what's right.

**Ask:** Can anyone think of anything that might have happened today that wasn't fair? (Someone should remember that they didn't get a sticker.)

Can anyone think of a way to be fair to those who didn't get stickers earlier?  
(if it doesn't come up, suggest that the children who received two stickers give one to those without any.)

**Say:** That's great! Now everyone has a sticker.

**Ask:** What are some ways that you can act justly or be fair to others this week?

**Say:** We are going to continue talking about this over the next few weeks. In the meantime I want you to do something else to help someone out – it's probably someone you don't know and will never meet. But life hasn't been very fair to this person.

She or he might not have a home, or enough food, or can't send their children to school because they don't have enough money. Two weeks from now we are going to take up an offering to help them. So, over the next two weeks I want you to collect coins for this offering.

Does anyone remember the other items on God's to do list in Micah 6:8? The last one was "walk humbly," we'll be talking about that. But to help you remember, I want you to collect your coins in these socks.

**Prayer**

Dear God, help us to speak up when we see injustice and help us to treat everyone fairly. It can be hard for us to do, and we need your help. Thank you, God for always helping us to do the right thing. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.