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**Key Verse:**

The LORD . . . is righteous; he does no wrong. Morning by morning he dispenses his justice, and every new day he does not fail. (Zephaniah 3:5)

## Justice Wins the Day

At this time in Bible history, Jerusalem (Israel) did not trust in God. It is sad that Jerusalem was so *wicked* (evil) and *sinful* (full of wrongdoing) that it hurt its own people. The people were wicked and stubborn and would not listen even to the voice of the Lord God. The people did not listen, and they could not even be taught to do what is right. They did not trust God and would not worship their God.

But God's presence was still in the city. God does no wrong. He is always good. Every day, He shows justice and fairness toward the people. And though the people could trust in the Lord God, they were not ashamed of the evil things that they did.

Only those who are lowly and humble will be left to survive in the city. They will put their trust in God completely. The Israelites who survived would be different. They would not do anything wrong. They would not lie to one another. They would not try to *deceive* (trick) one another. They would be like sheep that eat and lie down—no one would bother them.



## Sharing Is Caring, Right?



"I can't believe we finally got it!" Jonas said to his friend Michael. When the new *StarDestroyer* game came out a few weeks ago, Jonas did not have enough money to get it on his own. But when he and Michael put their allowances together, it was just enough to buy the game.

"You get it this week, and I get it next week," Michael said. "Deal?"

"Deal!" Jonas agreed and shook Michael's hand. But before Jonas knew it, his week was almost up. He was not even close to finishing and Michael was going to want his turn on the game. Jonas wanted to see if Michael could wait another week or two for him to finish the game.

"I know you want to beat it first, but I've been waiting all week to start it," Michael said. "I promise you'll get it

back next week. But I really want to start playing it now."

Jonas thought about what to do on his last day of the week with the game. He could hold onto it until he finished—or he could give it to Michael like he promised to do. What would you do?

## Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab



Hello, everyone! Ruby here! This lesson reminds me of some experiments in my lab. Sometimes, experiments don't work out like you think they will when you start out. If Jonas goes back on his agreement with Michael, what do you think will happen? Do you think they will remain friends? Or will they be too angry and hurt to continue their friendship?

The outcome relies on whether or not Jonas holds up his end of the bargain. How would you feel if you were Michael? After all, the game is half yours too! Would you let Jonas forget all about your agreement?



# Mining for Words

See how many common words you can make from the letters in the words "JUSTICE AND PEACE." Write them on the lines below. Words can be any length. Thinking of words that rhyme with each other (such as *rat*, *hat*, *cat*, *bat*) can help you remember more words.

## JUSTICE AND PEACE

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# Fill in the Letters

The words of today's Key Verse are incomplete. Review the Key Verse, then fill in the missing letters to complete the verse. Once everyone is done, read the completed verse aloud as a class.



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he \_\_oe\_\_ no w\_\_on\_\_. \_\_o\_\_ni\_\_g  
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d\_\_sp\_\_ns\_\_s h\_\_s \_\_us\_\_ic\_\_,  
a\_\_d \_\_ver\_\_ \_\_ew  
da\_\_ he do\_\_s n\_\_t f\_\_i\_\_.

(Zephaniah 3:5)

