
Activity Time

Justice & Mercy Scale

Description: This activity helps your family visualize how Jesus Christ's mercy balances out our sins if we repent.

What you need:

- 2 plastic or paper cups, string, a clothes hanger, a hole punch, scissors, 16 coins of the same size, tape, and a copy of the activity

Preparation: Print and cut out the "Justice" and "Mercy" labels and tape one to each cup. Punch a hole on each side of each cup. Cut the string into two 12-18 inch lengths. Tie a string through the holes in each cup to make a loop, and tie the top of each loop to opposite ends of the hanger as shown. Cut out the strips of paper labeled "sin" and tape one coin to the back of each. Cut out the picture of Jesus and tape 8 coins to the back of the picture near the feet.

Activity: Explain: Heavenly Father gives us commandments or "laws" to keep us happy and safe. There are also consequences if we break those laws, or commit sin. God said that "no unclean thing can enter the kingdom of God". But none of us are perfect, and we will all commit some sin in our lives.

Demonstrate: Place the weighted strips of paper labeled sin into the "Justice" cup. You might give an example of a type of sin as you place each strip in the cup, or let family members take turns adding strips to the cup. Point out that the cup is getting heavier and heavier.

Explain: Heavenly Father wanted to give us a way to return back to Him, but He needed to remain just and fair. That's why he provided a Savior for us. Jesus Christ is our Savior, and he was perfect. He paid the price for our sins through His Atonement. If we repent, are baptized, and have faith in Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ's mercy balances out our sins.

Demonstrate: Place the weighted picture of Jesus in the "Mercy" cup. Notice that the cups are again balanced.

Close by bearing your testimony of these principles.



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