

FUN FISH – Every Toddler COUNTS

Session 6: God Is Good – SIX – It Isn't Fair!

Memory Line: "You are precious to me." (Isaiah 43:4 NLT)

Welcome:

Theme Song: to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.

Up above the world so high. Like a diamond in the sky.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.

Number and Topic:

The number SIX is everywhere! Look under a rock or in the grass. You will find bugs/insects with SIX legs! Ladybirds. Beetles. Ants! Can you count their legs? And ants are strong. A tiny ant can carry a huge leaf right down into his tiny house.

Bible Story: It Isn't Fair! (Matthew 20:1 - 16)

Dolls, puppets or dressed up wooden spoons:

Boss

Helper

Six soft toys to represent workers

Materials needed: (feel free to swap the materials with what you have)

A clock face with numbers

Six coins

Grapes

Buckets

Reflective Time (interactive):

Ask the children – Have you ever shared something? Was it hard to do? Did it make the other person happy? Do you know that God is good and always shares?

Bean Bag Prayer: "Dear God, help me to be good like you. Amen."

Sing a song:

"Every Toddler COUNTS" card for this session:



Story 6: It Isn't Fair! (parable of workers in a vineyard - Matthew 20:1 - 16)

Here is another story Jesus told:

Early one morning a boss went out to his vineyard. The grapes were ready to pick. He said, "Great! But I only have one helper. He can't pick it all by himself. I'll go to the market at SIX this morning. I will find someone else to help."

He looked at his watch. The little hand pointed at SIX. He ran to the market and hired a worker. He said, "I'll pay you a silver coin." Now there were two in the vineyard that day. His helper and that worker.

But the boss still needed help. He ran to the market and found another one. He said, "I'll pay you what is right." Now there were three.

At lunchtime, still too many grapes. The boss ran to the market and found another worker. He said, "I'll pay you what is right." Now there were four!

Later, the boss had to run to the market again. Now there were five.

But that evening there were still too many grapes. The boss ran to the market yet again. Now there were SIX working in the vineyard that day.

They finished picking grapes. The boss looked at his watch. The little hand pointed at SIX. "Everyone, stop!" he called. "I will pay you now."

He called the last one who had only worked for only one hour. He gave that person a silver coin. The rest of the workers looked at each other. "Wow!" they said. "If he gave that person a silver coin, imagine how much he will give us!"

But the boss gave each one silver coin. The workers cried. "This isn't fair."

"I am fair," said the boss. "You agreed to work for one silver coin. Please, take what you earned and go. Don't be angry because I am good."

The first helper smiled. He took his silver coin. His boss certainly was kind and good.