# **Disposition:** Being Fair and Just

## **Lesson:** Three

### Question/LO: Who decides what is fair? What is wisdom?

| **Dimension of learning** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
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| Learning from experience | n/a | n/a |
| Learning about religious traditions and non-religious world-views | Tell the story of Story of Solomon and the two babies. 1 Kings 3:16-28. This is a story from the bible that is important to Jewish people and Christians.  One mother claims that her baby is alive when in fact she has taken the other mother’s child. The real mother wants her baby back. King Solomon sends for a sword to cut the living baby in half, at which point the real mother gives the living baby to the liar and King Solomon knows the truth.  What is unfair in this story?  What is shocking in this story? Did King Solomon really plan to kill the baby? Why did he threaten that he would?  How did King Solomon discover the true mother of the living child?  Did he make a wise judgement?  Did he give the baby to the right women?  Why do you think that?  Who in the story was fair?  The Bible says that King Solomon had given a gift of wisdom by God (1 Kings 3s -15)  How can people learn to be wise?  Does everyone have the wisdom of King Solomon?  No because people make unfair and unwise choices.  Explore this by asking the children to share decisions they have made and/or getting the children to discuss decisions that are made for and about them. | Bible reference  1 Kings 3:16-28  Story of Solomon and the  two babies  [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com/) - Bible Gateway has a helpful version.  Choose contemporary English version. |
| Learning from faith and non-religious world-views | Does it matter whether people behave fairly or not? | n/a |
| Learning to discern | Is it (even impossible) to be fair in a scenario?  Your parents/carers are planning to take you to a local park for a treat. They will allow you to take two friends. However, you have four friends, How do you decide who to take? | n/a |