

10 MINUTES



to help children to find the relationship between the ideals we teach . . . and . . . their real lives



## **PURPOSE:**

To help young children understand the basic meaning of "liberty" and "justice" in terms of their own everyday lives.

To suggest that personal liberty is the basic goal in our society.

To link the idea of liberty with justice: without justice, liberty is lost.

## CONTENT:

■ LIBERTY MEANS BEING FREE TO CHOOSE — Every day, you can see many examples of liberty: If your father is free to choose the kind of work he does, if your family is free to choose the place you live, the things you buy, then you have liberty.

In the community, the many different places of worship show that each person has liberty to believe as he chooses.

In school, if each person helps to choose the leaders of the class, or some of the things you do, then you are practicing liberty.

- JUSTICE MEANS BEING FAIR In a group, you share liberty by making fair rules. But if you let someone break the rules (as when someone pushes into line), the others usually get mad, and the game comes to a stop. Then, everyone's liberty is lost.
- WE NEED JUSTICE IN ORDER TO KEEP LIBERTY Each liberty we enjoy must be protected by its own kind of justice: There can be no freedom of speech in class unless we listen to *other* people's ideas ... there can be no freedom of religion in the community unless we respect *other* people's religious beliefs. By making sure that each person is treated fairly, you help to keep your own liberty.

For no one can be truly free, unless there is liberty and justice for all.

- BEFORE SHOWING THE FILM What do "liberty" and "justice" mean? Are these ideas important to us? Why? List many examples from daily life.
- AFTER SHOWING THE FILM Discuss the items under "before showing" again, to discover what has been learned.

What difference does it make if one person breaks the rules?

How does being fair (justice) help you to keep your own liberty?

Why do people sometimes fail to stand up for justice?

## WHAT "LIBERTY AND JUSTICE" MEANS

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