

# Tonight's

passage – **Romans 12.<sup>17-21</sup>**

theme – **Justice & mercy!**

*This is what's called a judge's gavel.  
It's a sign of the justice which the judge exercises: their  
decision is always final! See if you can find one on every page*



## How good are you at balancing?

You need to be if you're going to ride a scooter!

In fact, even when you're walking you're actually balancing! You're just so used to walking that you don't even think of it as balancing!

Tonight's passage helps you think about a very important 'balance' which we're called to keep.

The balance between

acting **justly**  
and

showing **mercy**



Colour in all the picture!



**Read  
Micah 6**  
verses 6-8

**6** With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God?

**1** Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

**2** Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?

**3** Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

**8** He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And **what does the Lord require of you?**

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

what  
**God**  
is looking for

**An  
important  
question!**

It's probably the most important question of all!

At least, nothing is more important than that you get the right answer to this question!

**What is God looking for from you?**

If you look carefully you'll see that the prophet (a man called Micah) starts with what the people were thinking God wanted.

3 things. Can you see what those are?

People often think that probably God us to give Him lots of things – as if we could *bribe* Him or almost 'buy Him off'!



But He wants **YOU**, not your things!

**What does the Lord require of you?**

See if you can use the letters here to fill in the missing words

**CV AM  
LETTER  
COSY  
JULY**

**To \_\_\_\_\_ and  
to \_\_\_\_\_ and  
to walk humbly with  
your God**

# DON'T retaliate!

**Read**  
**Romans 12**  
verses 17-18

When someone is nasty to you,  
why shouldn't you  
be nasty to them?

Isn't that 'acting justly' after all? Isn't it just  
and fair that if you do a wrong thing then you  
should get a wrong thing back? But ...

“2 wrongs don't  
make a right!”

They just make things even more wrong!



"If two wrongs don't make a right,  
how many does it take?"

**17** Do not repay anyone  
evil for evil.

Be careful to do what is  
right in the eyes of  
everyone.

**18** If it is possible, as far as  
it depends on you, live at  
peace with everyone.

That's why it's important that you learn to

## walk humbly with your God

Walking with God means keeping in step with Him:  
not rushing to sort things out when that's not how  
He goes about things. And not retaliating – because  
God doesn't retaliate!

Instead, He shows mercy. Even though we've done  
a lot of things wrong to Him, He's done everything  
to make things right, so that we can be at peace  
with Him. That's what Jesus came to do for us.

Read

**Romans 12**  
verses 17-21

# DON'T TAKE revenge!



<sup>19</sup> Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord.

<sup>20</sup> On the contrary –

'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.'

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## God is the just judge

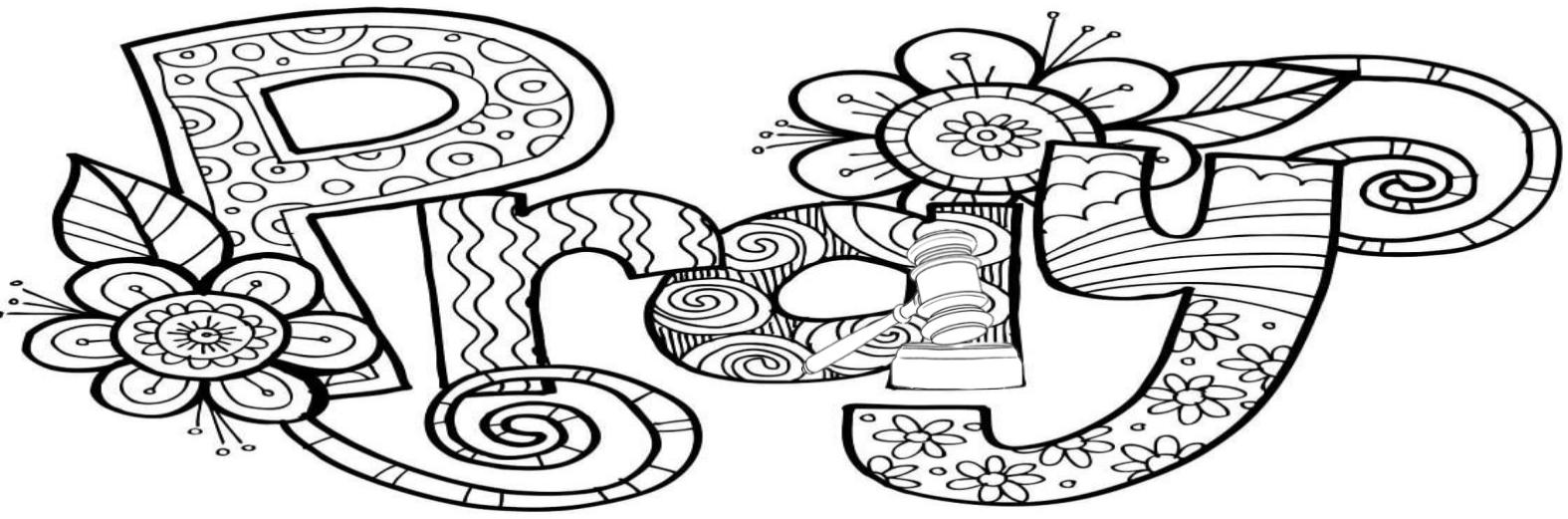
God is perfectly just – and He's always the best one to sort out problems when people treat you badly.

Don't get in His way by trying to sort things out yourself! Leave it to Him – He makes a good job of it always.

Instead, find ways to do good to those who treat you badly and trust God to be at work in their lives.

See if you can spot the 5 differences between the 2 pictures below.





*Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet.*

*Speak to God about what you've learned: if you want, use this prayer to help you*

**Thank You, Lord Jesus, for showing me how You mean me to live.**

**Help me to remember always how You are with people – and help me then to copy You.**

**I need You always to help me. When I try and live the right way myself, I always get it wrong!**

**It's hard not to retaliate when people say nasty things about me or do things which are really mean and unfair!**

**I want to hit them, or say nasty things back to them!**

**But You're the best at sorting things out and I'm glad I can trust You to sort things out – not just for me, but for everyone in the world! You're wonderful!**

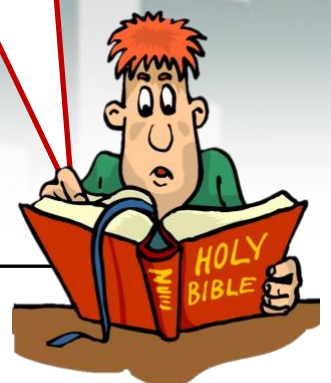


**Today's verse for you  
to try and remember!**

MERCY

**“What does the Lord require of  
you? To act justly and love mercy  
and walk humbly with your God  
Micah.6.<sup>8</sup>**

JUSTICE



# Wordsearch

Here's a Wordsearch based on **Romans 12.9-21**. See if you can find the words!

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vengeance

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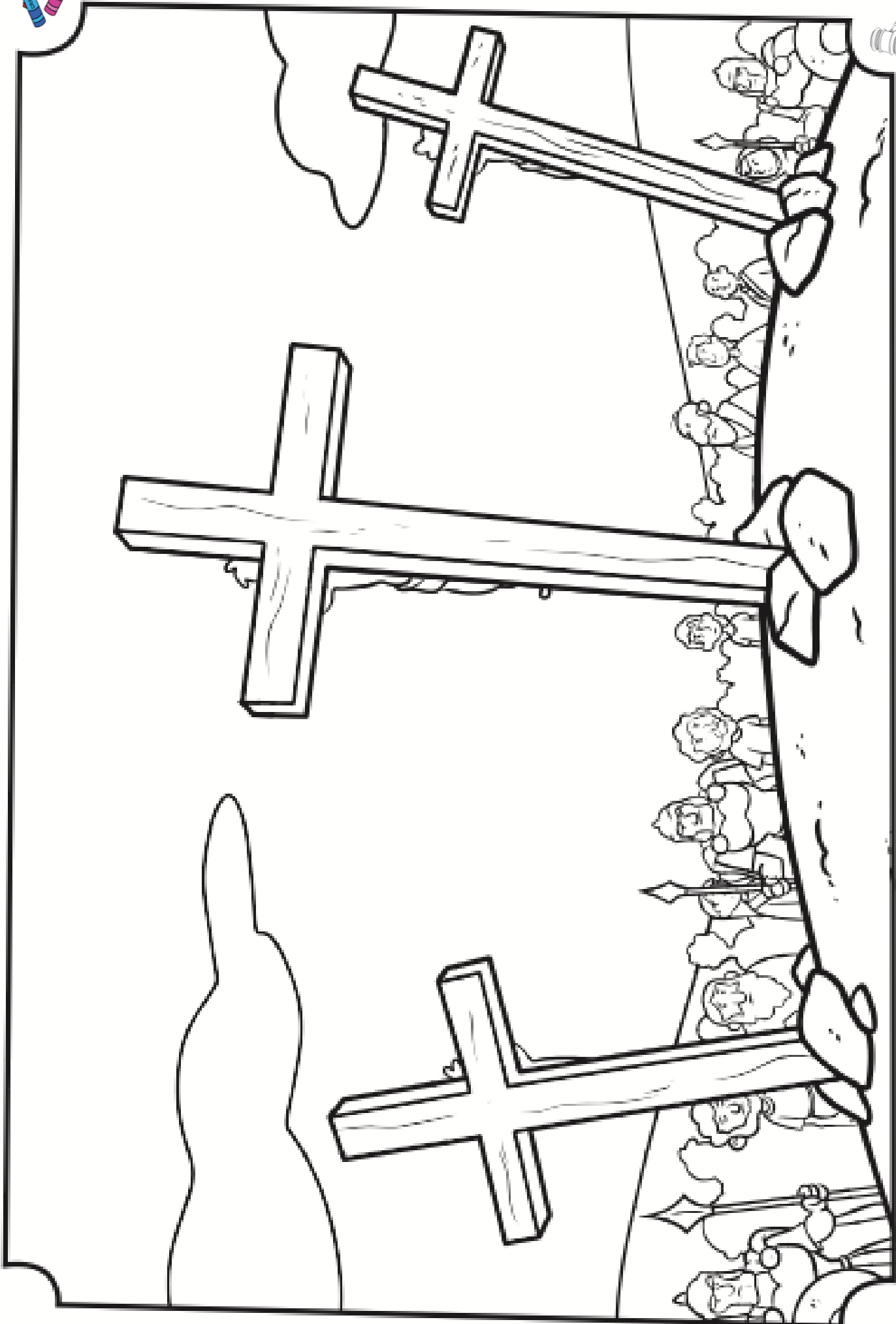
devoted





# COLOUR in the picture

Try colouring in the picture below as neatly as you can!



Jesus died to save a world that was covered in sin - He took the punishment for the sin of the world, so that we could all be a part of the Kingdom of God. Mark 15:33-39