Joseph Annoys His Brothers
(Genesis 37:1-36)

"The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes."
(Nahum 1:7)

God is good no matter what... even when life's unfair.

Not fair!

Lots of things in life aren't fair. It's not fair some kids have enough to eat and others don't. That some kids find school easy and others struggle. That some kids are healthy and others aren't.

But even when things aren't fair, God's still there—and God is good. It's not fair that Jesus, who never did anything wrong, died on a cross to pay for the sins of people who did wrong things. People who laughed at him. People who never even thanked him.

And it's not fair that, when we're friends of God, what Jesus did rescues us from our sin. That even though we've done wrong things, we get to be with God in heaven forever.

Is that fair? No...but God's forgiveness is loving and good and bigger than "fair."
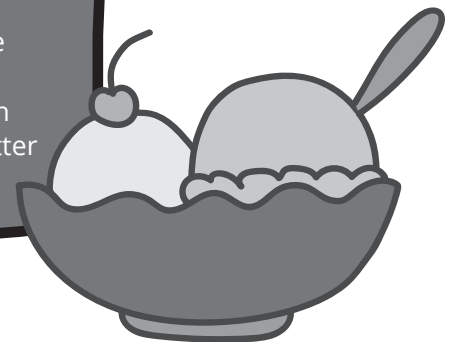
So don't worry when sometimes life isn't fair. Instead, be thankful that God is good, and God is there, even when life's unfair!

Talk Starter

What's something happening in your life that feels unfair?

Try This @ Home

The next time a dessert is served at your house, don't check to see if your piece of pie or scoop of ice cream is the same size as everyone else's. Instead, be grateful for what you've got—and remember that because of Jesus, you can have eternal life in heaven! That's a sweet treat far better than any scoop of strawberry!

Explore More @ Home

Solomon was given great wisdom by God, and he wrote about life being unfair. See if you agree with him! Read Ecclesiastes 9:11-12.
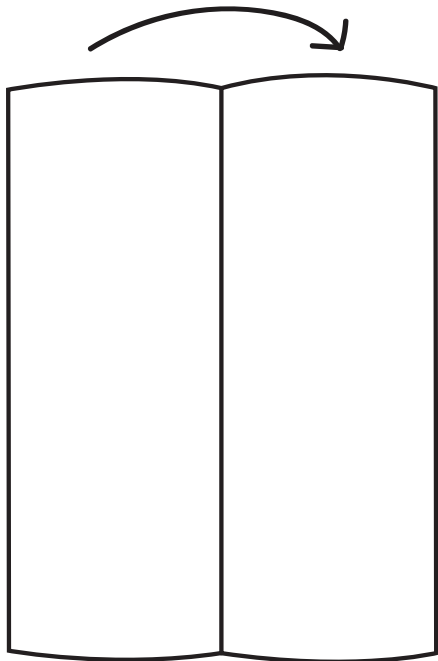
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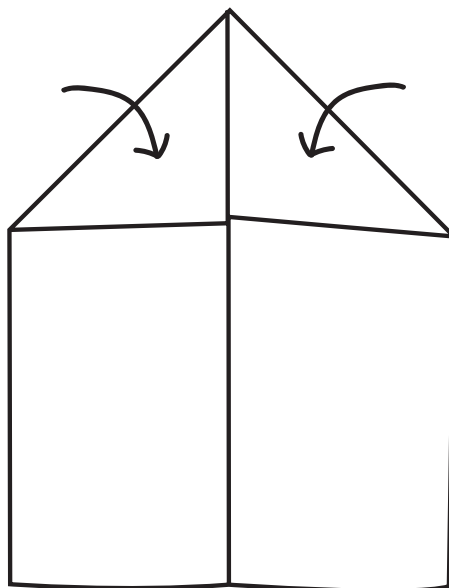Fold a flyer. When you get home, ask a parent---

...to hold up a bowl of ice cream and see if you can land your plane in it. No? Well, at least you can share some ice cream with your parent!
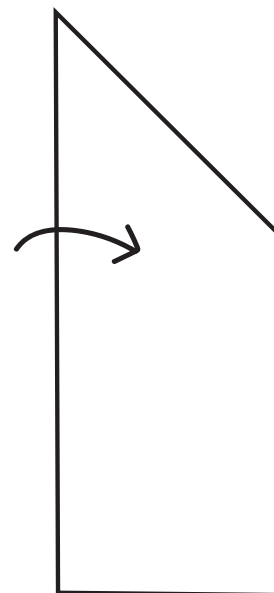
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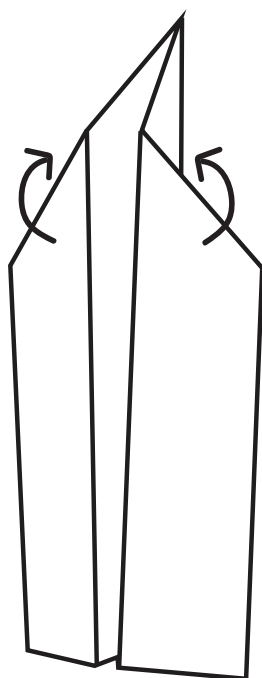
1 Fold the paper in half lengthwise as shown.

2 Unfold, and then fold the top two corners to the center line to create flaps.

3 Once again, fold the paper in half.

4 Fold the edges down to meet the bottom of the airplane body.

5 Take aim, and let it fly!

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