Justice Wins the Day

At this time in Bible history, Jerusalem (Israel) did not trust in God. It is sad that Jerusalem was so wicked (evil) and sinful (full of wrongdoing) that it hurt its own people. The people were wicked and stubborn and would not listen even to the voice of the Lord God. The people did not listen, and they could not even be taught to do what is right. They did not trust God and would not worship their God.

But God’s presence was still in the city. God does no wrong. He is always good. Every day, He shows justice and fairness toward the people. And though the people could trust in the Lord God, they were not ashamed of the evil things that they did.

Only those who are lowly and humble will be left to survive in the city. They will put their trust in God completely. The Israelites who survived would be different. They would not do anything wrong. They would not lie to one another. They would not try to deceive (trick) one another. They would be like sheep that eat and lie down—no one would bother them.
Hello, everyone! Ruby here! This lesson reminds me of some experiments in my lab. Sometimes, experiments don’t work out like you think they will when you start out. If Jonas goes back on his agreement with Michael, what do you think will happen? Do you think they will remain friends? Or will they be too angry and hurt to continue their friendship?

The outcome relies on whether or not Jonas holds up his end of the bargain. How would you feel if you were Michael? After all, the game is half yours too! Would you let Jonas forget all about your agreement?
Mining for Words

See how many common words you can make from the letters in the words “JUSTICE AND PEACE.” Write them on the lines below. Words can be any length. Thinking of words that rhyme with each other (such as rat, hat, cat, bat) can help you remember more words.

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The words of today's Key Verse are incomplete. Review the Key Verse, then fill in the missing letters to complete the verse. Once everyone is done, read the completed verse aloud as a class.

The Lord . . . is ignite us;
he ____oe__ no w____on__. o____ni____g
by m____in__ he
d____sp____ns____s h__s __us____ic__,
  a__d ___ver___ ____ew
da__ he do__s n__t f__i__.

(Zephaniah 3:5)