



Fruit of the Spirit

Goodness – Lesson 2

“Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.” Galatians 6:10

Lesson Time

Last week we learned about how God is good and that we can be purified by asking God to forgive us and lead our lives. We can't clean ourselves up and do good deeds for God to love us. He already does love us. But sin separates us from a relationship with Him. So, we need to decide to let God lead our lives. Then, as we choose to follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit gives us the desire and the strength to love others and we want to do good things.

Jesus gave us a story in the Bible that shows us what it looks like for us to do good things for someone and not just walk by when someone needs our help.

Jesus said “There was a man who was traveling from the city of Jerusalem to the city of Jericho. Robbers attacked him. They stripped off his clothes and beat him. Then they went away, leaving him almost dead. A priest was traveling the same road and saw the man who was hurt, but he didn't stop. Instead, he passed by on the other side of the road. Later, a helper from the church (a Levite) did the same thing. He saw that someone was hurt, but he passed by on the other side of the road, too.”

“Then a Samaritan man came down the same road on his travels.” (Samaritans were half Jew and half Gentile – so they were hated by the Jews.) “The Samaritan noticed the man who was hurt, just like the priest and church helper had, but the Samaritan felt sorry for him. He stopped what he was doing, went over to the man and helped him. He poured olive oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey. He took him to an inn and took care of him. The Samaritan couldn't stay, but he left two silver coins with the owner of the inn and asked him to take care of the wounded man until he returned.” Then Jesus told those who were listening to “Go and do likewise!” (Luke 10:30-37)

Jesus told the story of “The Good Samaritan” to show us what kindness and goodness are all about. The good Samaritan stopped and DID something. He took action instead of just walking by. Was he the one who hurt the wounded man? No! But he helped him anyway and he even left money to pay for his expenses. WOW! Could the man pay the Samaritan back? We don’t really know. But it doesn’t matter. We often think and say “That’s not fair. I didn’t do it, so I shouldn’t have to help.” But Jesus is saying to us “Go and do likewise!” We should make other people’s burdens our own and help by being kind and doing good things. Being a Good Samaritan means doing something for someone else without thinking about what that person will do for you in return.

So if the blocks need to be picked up we should go help pick them up even though we didn’t get them out. Or if a friend gets hurt we should stop what we are doing, get them help and we could sit with them until they feel better. When we see someone carrying something we can go to them and offer to help. Remember our verse, “Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone —especially to those in the family of faith.” Galatians 6:10. Let’s say that together!

Prayer Time

Activity Time

The goal of this time is to utilize a variety of engaging activities –passive and active play, crafts, application, and more – to reinforce what was taught in the lesson. While you may not get to every activity, we encourage you to complete the “Take-Home” activity so children leave with a tangible reminder of what was discussed today.

If numbers are high and/or time and space allow, you may want to use a center format: divide the class into groups (one for each activity) and rotate through the centers after an allotted time.

*Today you will divide into two teams for the first center



Blanket Volleyball

Supplies:

Rope

Two blankets

Foam balls

This activity will demonstrate how important it is to help our friends. Tie a rope to two chairs (can use student helpers to hold it, if needed) and stretch it across your room. Form two teams and have teams stand on opposite sides of the rope. Give each team a small blanket or twin sheet. Have team members hold the edges of their team's blanket. Throw several small, foam balls on one team's blanket. Have the teams work together to toss the balls from their blanket over the rope to the other blanket. Encourage kids on the receiving side to try to catch all the balls. Then have them toss the balls back to the other side. **Throughout this week, remember how important it is to help our friends.**



Good Samaritan Relay

Supplies:

Adhesive bandages

Small cups

Use this game to illustrate how Jesus wants us to take care of each other. Form two teams of four. Choose one person from each team to be the hurt man who was robbed and beaten on his way to Jericho. Have the hurt people lie on the floor at the end of the room opposite their teams. Give each team a supply of 10 adhesive bandages and a cup of water (can just use a snack water cup and pretend there is water in it).

On "go," teams race with their supplies to their hurt team members. The goal is to put 10 bandages on the hurt neighbor, give him or her a drink of "water," and carry the person back to the starting point. (Have the youth or adult leaders help to carry the child back so they don't get hurt.)

How did you feel when you were helping the hurt person? If you were the hurt person, how did you feel while you were being helped? How would you feel if you were hurt like the man in the parable and no one stopped to help you? What can you do to help others in need? (Allow time for responses to all questions.)



Caring for One Another

Supplies:

Dolls

Adhesive bandages

Gauze rolls

Let kids wrap bandages and stick Band-Aids on dolls or on each other to remember the lesson.



Good Samaritan Kit

Supplies:

Sandwich bags

Verse labels

Adhesive bandages

Cotton balls

Gauze pads

Lollipops

Give each child a few adhesive bandages, cotton balls, gauze pads, and a lollipop. Have them put the items into the baggie. Put the verse sticker label on the bag. **This is your Good Samaritan bag. If your brother, sister or a friend gets hurt, ask your parent if you can get your bag and to help make them better. The lollipop is to make them happy even though they are hurt.** Go over the memory verse with them a few more times.

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