

Alley SG - July 6-7, 2019

Bible Story: Back 2 Good (Every Good and Perfect Gift) • *James 1:17a*

Bottom Line: Show God's goodness to others.

Key Question: How can you show God's goodness to others?

Memory Verse: "being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." *Philippians 1:6, NIV*

1. Just for Fun

What You Need: "Goodness Word Search" Page (1 per student), pens

What You Do:

- **Give** kids a "Goodness Word Search" and a pen.
- **Challenge** kids to find the "goodness" in the word search—who could find the most "goodness?" (*Note: Goodness shows up 14 times.*)

2. Get Your Head in the Game

What You Need: 8 gift bags (G-O-O-D-N-E-S-S), white floor tape

What You Do:

- **Divide** the kids into teams.
 - Ideally you want at least five kids on a team, and teams need to have the same number of kids.
 - If necessary, combine Small Groups for this activity.
- **Instruct** teams to line up, one student behind the other.
- Behind each team, **create** a line using floor tape.
- **Place** a set of eight gift bags in front of each team and point out the letters on the bags.
- Teams will race, transporting the bags through their lines and placing the bags in order on the floor tape, to spell the word for the day (goodness).
- **Explain** the rules:
 - The first kid passes the bag over his head to the teammate behind him.
 - The next kid passes the bag between her legs to her teammate.
 - Once the bag reaches the end of the line, the kid at the end of the line places the bag on the floor tape.
 - When the bags are in the correct order, the team sits down and shouts the word of the day. The first team to do this wins.
- If time allows, **play again**, varying how the bags are passed. For example, kids pass the bags with their eyes closed or using only their feet, etc.

What You Say:

"The word for today is GOODNESS! Anyone want to guess why we used gift bags in this activity? (*Allow kids to shout out answers. If necessary, propose a reason. For example, maybe because they had handles and they were easy to pass or because gifts are good—who wouldn't want a gift.*)

3. Memory Verse Scramble

What You Need: Bibles, Memory Verse Cards (2 sets per group)

What You Do:

- Look up Philippians 1:6, and review it together as a group.
- Divide your group into 2 teams.
- Give each team a set of “Memory Verse Cards”.
- Scatter the cards on the floor/table face down.
- On your “GO!” teams will compete to put the verse in order.
- Play as many rounds as time/interest allows.

BEFORE DISMISSAL: AT “COMMUNION CALL”

HAND OUT “GOD TIME” CARDS TO EACH STUDENT BEFORE DISMISSING AND ALLOW THEM TIME TO BEGIN WORKING ON THE WEEKLY ACTIVITY

IF STUDENTS BRING THEM BACK THE FOLLOWING WEEK, THEY RECEIVE \$3 IN ALLEY CASH!