

City 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.

Memory Verse: *God began a good work in you. And I am sure that he will carry it on until it is completed. That will be on the day Christ Jesus returns.* Philippians 1:6, *NIRV*

1. Gift Game

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Guide kids to sit in a circle.
- The first kid says a gift he has received.
- The kid to his left says a gift he has received, BUT it has to start with the last letter of the previous kid's gift. (Encourage them to be creative in their responses! They can use adjectives if they wish.)
- Continue around the circle until interest wanes.
- If you want, you can do it "Going on a Picnic" style, where each kid has to repeat everyone else's responses before they say their own. ("Jason got a dog. Arielle got a gold necklace. Tekoa got an Easter bunny treat. And I got a ticket to the basketball game.")

What You Say:

"Those are some awesome gifts you've received. God gives good gifts!"

2. Pipe Cleaner Gifts

What You Need: Pipe cleaners (5 per child)

What You Do:

- Give each kid a handful of pipe cleaners.
- Instruct kids to use the pipe cleaners to create a gift God has given them. It could be a tangible object, or it could be a talent or ability.
- As they work, give each kid a turn to explain their gift and then come up with one way they could pass that goodness on to others. For example:
 - "I can use my gift of a paint set to make cards for my neighbors and tell them about Jesus."
 - "I can use my gift of singing to sing at the nursing home and make the residents happy."
- **[Make It Personal] (Make a pipe cleaner gift of your own, and share your thoughts and ideas with the kids.)**

What You Say:

"There are so many ways we can use the gifts God has given us to do good things for others. When He gives us things, they're not usually just for us—they're also for the people around us. Let's always look for ways to pass the goodness we have received on to others in our lives and our communities. We can **[Bottom Line] show God's goodness to others** by doing the things we just talked about and so many other things. Let's keep an eye out for ways we can pass it

on. Take your pipe cleaner gift home, and put it somewhere you'll see it as a reminder to show goodness to the people around you."

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 Phrases".
- Scatter the phrases on the floor/rug 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 CHILD AND ALLOW THEM TIME TO BEGIN WORKING ON THE WEEKLY ACTIVITY

IF CHILDREN BRING THEM BACK THE FOLLOWING WEEK, THEY RECEIVE A PRIZE!

EXTRA TIME ACTIVITY: Duck, Duck, Goose

- Play a few games of Duck, Duck, Goose with your group as time allows.