

City SG—July 10th, 2022

Today's Bible Story: Good Vibrations (City on a Hill) • *Matthew 5:14-16*

Today's Bottom Line: Show God's goodness to others.

Monthly 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. Show God's Goodness

What You Need: Index cards, markers, pens, plastic bowls (1 per kid, per Service)

What You Do:

- Unpack the idea that the more kids “take in” God's goodness by reading the Bible and trying to be like Jesus, the more they'll show others God's goodness.
- Ask kids to think of ways they can show God's goodness, whether by reading or listening to the Bible, thinking about God, or being kind to others.
 - Based on what they share, ask specific follow-up questions about how they can pass on God's goodness to others.
- Give each kid an index card.
- Instruct them to write or draw one way THEY can **[Bottom Line] show God's goodness to others.**
- **[Make it Personal] (Write or draw a way that you can show God's goodness, too.)**
- Collect the cards and scatter them on the floor at one end of your environment.
- Guide kids to line up at the other end of your environment.
- Hide each index card under a bowl.
- At your signal, the first kid runs to the bowls, flips one over to reveal their “light” (or way to show God's goodness), then runs back to the group and tags the next kid in line.
- Continue until every kid has a turn!
- Keep the game going by playing multiple rounds, timing kids to see how quickly they can “let their lights shine!”
- Variation: Randomly “re-hide” the cards under the bowls during the game, adding a competitive Whack-a-Mole element.

What You Say:

“If we love Jesus, we are supposed to show God's goodness to others. What are some ways you can **[Bottom Line] show God's goodness to others?** (read my Bible; try to be like Jesus; be kind to others, etc.) Yes! The good things you do—like spending time with God and trying to be like Jesus—can show others how good God is! And when you show others God's goodness, you're like a light that shines for everyone to see. So remember, **[Bottom Line] show God's goodness to others.**”

2. Wave of Words

What You Need: Bible, playground ball (1 per Group)

What You Do:

- Look up Philippians 1:6 and read it to your Group.
- Instruct the kids to say and repeat the verse together several times.
- Circle your kids up.
- Direct the kids to pass the playground ball around their circle using only their feet and saying one word of the verse as they pass it.
- Direct the kids to continue until they finish the verse.

- Have the kids form one line
- Instruct the kids to say the word of the verse, pass the ball to the next kid in line, then head to the end of the line.
- Direct the kids to continue until they finish the verse.
- If time allows, line kids up again to see if they can pass the ball down the wall and say the verse faster.

What You Say:

“Great job of completing this challenge! Paul, the author of Philippians, was reminding us that God promises to complete the good work started in you. God’s good work in you equips you to **[Bottom Line] show God’s goodness to others** in amazing ways.”

3. Memory Verse Scramble

Non-Reader Option Highlighted Below

What You Need: Memory Verse Scramble Cards (2 Sets per Group)

What You Do:

- Split your group into 2 Teams.
- Give each Team a Set of Memory Verse Scramble Cards.
- Instruct kids to scramble the cards facedown in front of them.
- On your “GO!” Teams will race against each other to put the verse together and then all read it out loud together.
 - Cards will be numbered to help non-readers. Instead of reading the verse out loud together upon completion, have them shout out the Bottom Line for this Week.
- Play as many rounds as time and interest allows.

4. Pray and Dismiss

What You Say:

“Dear God, thank You that when we spend time with You by reading or hearing the Bible, worshiping You, thinking about what You say, and doing what You say, the more we’ll be like You and show Your goodness to others. This week, help us show Your goodness to others. Thank You that You are ALWAYS good to us! We love You, Lord. Amen.”