

#### **BIG IDEA**

We can share God's goodness with others.

#### **GOD STORY**

Goodness (Galatians 6:1-10)

#### **KEY VERSES**

The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22–23a, NLT)

## 1 | Conversation Starter

#### **SUPPLIES**

None

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. To lead into today's teaching, discuss:
  - How would you explain the word "good" to someone who wasn't familiar with it?
  - Why do you usually do good things?
- b. Introduce today's Big Idea: **We can share God's** goodness with others.

### 2 | Watch

#### **SUPPLIES**

Media player

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

 a. Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Kids playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

# 3 | Discuss & Pray

#### **SUPPLIES**

None

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Recap the video teaching together.
- b. Discuss: What stood out to you in today's Life Story? How about the God Story?
- c. Pray and ask God for help when you have a tough time showing goodness to certain people. Pray that each member of your family would experience God's goodness and discover how they can share it with others.



# 4 | Activity

#### **SUPPLIES**

- Bible
- God's Goodness Grows activity pages
- Green leaf cutouts
- Orange circles
- Glue sticks or tape
- Writing supplies

#### TIP

• Emphasize the difference between the two kinds of good: one describes a preference whereas the other describes what is right.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Point out that being good is a chance to share God's goodness with others—not to make people like us or think we're awesome.
- b. Discuss:
  - Why is it important to share God's goodness with others?
  - Is there anyone you don't show goodness to?
    Why do you think that is? How could you fix it?
    (Hint: The answer might be Jesus!)
- c. Show the kids how to look up Galatians 6:9-10.
- d. Read the passage aloud.
- e. Discuss:
  - How could we encourage one another not to give up doing good?
  - What's one way you saw God's goodness in someone else this week?
- f. Give an activity page, several green leaves, and a few orange circles to each of the kids.
- g. Explain that when God's goodness takes root in our lives, it begins to grow. It's evident in how we treat others.
- h. Brainstorm ways we can share God's goodness (e.g., being generous with our stuff, being honest, inviting others to join us in activities, etc.).
- Direct everyone to write their favourite ideas on their leaves.

- j. Guide the kids to stick the leaves onto the branches on their pages.
- k. Explain that some trees grow, bloom, and produce fruit.
- Encourage the kids to consider what they might harvest if they share God's goodness with others (e.g., develop better friendships, grow a stronger relationship with God, have more trust with family, experience more joy, kindness, love, and so on).
- m. Instruct the kids to write or draw their answers on the orange circles to remind them of the fruit they might harvest by planting God's goodness.
- n. Direct them to stick the circles onto their tree to look like fruit.
- o. As the kids work on their pages, highlight that as we get closer to God and allow his goodness to take root in our lives, we see his goodness coming out in us. Then we can share God's goodness with others!



# 5 | Key Verse

#### **SUPPLIES**

- Key Verses sign
- Ball

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Read the Key Verses aloud.
- b. Ask: Who is the Holy Spirit?
- c. Explain that God is three-in-one: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit lives in everyone who believes Jesus is Lord!
- d. Say the first part of Galatians 5:22 (NLT) together: "The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives..."
- e. Pass the ball back and forth. As each person catches it, prompt them to say a word from the list of fruit in the verses.
- f. Repeat and encourage your family to pass the ball and list the fruit faster and faster each time.
- g. Chat about a couple of the fruit between each round (e.g., What do you think God's love looks like? What do you think God's joy looks like?).