

All God's Children

(A Five-Day Study of *The Fruit of the Spirit*)

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Day 1

God's Children Show Love

(Taken from the four Gospels)

This week we will be learning about some special gifts from God—gifts that will help us grow and be more like Jesus.

Today we will talk about love. God wants us to love others the way He loves us. What do you think of when you hear the word love? (Allow children to respond.) **We usually think of love as a feeling--We love ice cream, we love pizza. It's important for us to understand that God's love is different. Let's read this scripture together.** (Hold up card scripture card and let children read with you.)

God is love. 1 John 4:16

This means that when we have God in our lives, we have love in our lives. As we grow in God, love will grow in us! God wants us to love as He does--to show others what He is all about.

Today we will be talking about the greatest love that was ever shown to anybody.

(If you can find pictures to illustrate the story use them in the appropriate places.)

Picture #1:

Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem riding on a donkey. The crowds of people welcomed Him. Many of them waved palm branches and shouted "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Even though Jesus had done so many good things while living on this earth, He still had enemies. There were people who did not believe that He was the Son of God and they wanted Him killed. They made up charges against Him that were not true.

Picture #2:

On the night before Jesus died, He met with His disciples for a special meal. This meal was called the "Last Supper". Jesus used this time to explain to His disciples that He was going to

be killed, but they still had a hard time understanding. Churches today still celebrate the "Last Supper". Sometimes it referred to as the "Lord's Supper" or "Communion". It's a time when we remember how Jesus died on the cross for us.

Picture #3:

After the "Last Supper", Jesus went to a garden called Gethsemane to pray. He prayed that, if possible, He would not have to suffer. But then He said to God, "Help me do what you want, not what I want." While Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane, He was arrested.

Picture #4:

Jesus was taken to a hill called Golgotha and he was crucified. To be crucified means to be killed by being nailed to a wooden cross and left hanging there. Jesus died. His friends and followers were very sad. A man named Joseph of Arimathea asked for Jesus' body. He wrapped His body in cloths and buried Jesus in his own cave tomb. This happened on a Friday.

Picture #5:

Early on Sunday Mary Magdalene, a close follower of Jesus, went to the tomb. She saw that the stone in front of the tomb had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran to find Peter and John (disciples of Jesus), and, she told them that someone had stolen Jesus' body! The disciples ran to the tomb and found the cloths that had wrapped Jesus' body, but they didn't find Jesus.

After the disciples left, Mary Magdalene looked back into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white. "Why are you crying?" the angels asked.

"They have taken my Lord away," Mary replied.

Mary turned around and saw a man in the garden. He asked, "Why are you crying?"

Mary asked, "Sir, have you taken Him away? Where have you put Him?"

Then the man in the garden called her name. He said, "Mary." And she knew that it was Jesus who was calling her name. Jesus was alive!

Mary went to tell the disciples. "I have seen my Lord!" She said. "He is alive!"

Now there is a reason why it was necessary for Jesus to die on the cross. It was because of your sin and my sin. What do we mean by the word sin? (Allow children to respond.) Sin is anything that we do that disobeys God. It can be an action or thought that God does not like.

How do you think God feels about sin? (Allow children to respond.) God doesn't like sin. It makes Him sad. God and Jesus live in a perfect place called heaven. Do we live in a perfect place? (Allow children to respond.) No we don't. And the reason that we don't live in a perfect place is because of our sin.

Since heaven is perfect, there is no way that God could let us into heaven when we die with all of our sin because then heaven would not be perfect any more. That's why Jesus had to die on the cross.

Read this scripture with me. (Hold up scripture card and let children read with you.)

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

Let's read the scripture again, but this time when you get to the word "world", say your name instead. (Example) For God so loved _____..... (Use your name.)

God loves you so much that He did not want you to be separated from Him. He made a way for your sins to be forgiven so you can one day live with Him in heaven. And He did this by allowing His precious Son, Jesus, to die on the cross. This is the greatest love that has ever been shown.

Bible Verse

(Hold up Bible Verse card and let children read with you.)

We love because He first loved us.
1 John 4:19

I want you to understand that love is more than just a feeling. It's an action. It's something that you do. When we understand that God is love and that He sent His Son, Jesus, to earth to die on the cross to show His love for us, then we can learn to show this love of God to other people. What are some things that you can do to show other people that you love them. (Allow children to respond)

Prayer:

God, we love you so much. We love you because you first loved us, and we know that you are love. Please help us be like Jesus and share with others the love you put in us, so they can see You.

Day 2

God's Children Know Peace

(Taken from 2 Chronicles 20)

Do you ever worry about something? You may worry about whether or not your parents are coming home. You may worry about whether or not you have enough food to eat. Sometimes maybe you are really afraid of something. Another gift that God can give us is peace. We can learn to trade our worries for peace because we have somebody bigger than all of us on our side. And, that somebody is God.

We want you to understand today that you can depend on God to take care of you and to provide for your needs. We want to talk about prayer today. What is prayer? (Allow children to respond.)

Prayer is talking to God. We can talk to God anytime and anywhere. If we are worried about something, we can talk to God about it. If we are afraid of something, we can talk to God about it.

Today we are going to talk about a man in the Bible who had a long and strange name. His name is Jehoshaphat. (Practice saying his name with children.)

Jehoshaphat was the king of Judah a long, long time ago. Some men told king Jehoshaphat that an army of his enemies were coming to attack him and his people. He was really afraid. And because he was so afraid, he turned to God for help. He asked all the people in his kingdom to not eat anything and instead, to spend all of their time praying to God for help.

All of the people came together. They came from everywhere. Some may have traveled several days. They were worried about their country and they knew only God could save them.

Jehoshaphat prayed to God in front of all the people. He said, "Oh, God, You have always helped your people. Now please hear us and save us."

As the enemy was getting closer and closer, God spoke to Jehoshaphat through a man named Jahaziel. This was God's message to Jehoshaphat: "Do not be afraid. God will save

you. You won't even have to fight. This is God's battle. Just stand and see how God will save you. He will be with you.

Jehosphaphat and the people bowed to the ground and worshiped God. This time they were praying to God thanking Him. Some of the people were so happy they praised God with very loud voices.

The next morning Jehoshaphat gathered the army. They were ready to go to battle because they knew God was with them. He asked some men to march in front of the army and sing praises to God. They were singing: "Give thanks to the Lord. His love lasts forever." They led the army to the battle.

God's people won the battle just as He had said. Did God answer the prayer of the people? (Allow the children to respond.) Do you think that the people found peace now that they no longer had to be afraid of the enemy? (Allow children to respond.)

Sometimes it's hard to remember that God is always near and that He always wants to help us. We need to remember that we can always go to God in prayer. But we need to get one thing straight. God answers our prayers in the way that is best for us. He may not always answer that prayer just the way we want it. We need to understand that God is going to provide for our needs and not necessarily all of our wants. Let's talk about some examples of needs and wants. (Mention each of the following and let the children decide if it is a need or a want. Feel free to think up other examples.)

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| *clothes | *place to live |
| *TV | *candy |
| *money | *DVD player |
| *bicycle | *air |
| *Ipod | *Jesus |
| *food | *water |

When we choose to worry instead of remembering God's power, it's like being in a dark room with just a little light. Our worries are like giant shadows. But when we stop, pray and take time to remember God's power, it's like turning the lights on in the room. Our problems seem a lot smaller. Worrying makes it hard to see that God is powerful and wants to help us

in our hard times. That's when we lose our peace. But God says we can trade in our worries for His perfect peace.

Bible Verse:

(Hold up Bible verse card and let the children read it with you.)

Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart.
Col. 3:15

If we let the peace of Christ--who is God's Son--rule in our hearts then we won't have lives that are filled with worry. We will understand that we can just give all of our worries to God and that He will give us peace in our hearts.

Prayer:

God, we thank you that you are always with us and are on our side. Knowing this gives us peace. Sometimes we get worried and stop seeing that you are with us. Help us see that you are on our side so we'll be able to stop worrying.

Day 3

God's Children Are Kind

(Taken from 2 Samuel 9)

So far this week we have talked about the gifts of love and peace. Today we will talk about kindness.

One of the first things that you do everyday when you get up is put on your clothes. Our clothes cover or surround our bodies. God says in His Word, "Clothe yourselves with kindness." Just like our clothes surround and cover our bodies, kindness can surround us. God wants us to cover ourselves with kindness and to have kindness from our heads to our toes. He wants us to show show that kindness to other people.

Station K-I-N-D and Station M-E-A-N:

(Have your youth helpers prepared to present these situations in a kind way and in a mean way. Encourage them to be creative. Have either a real or make-believe remote control so that you can pretend to be going from Station K-I-N-D to Station M-E-A-N. Prepare signs for each station.)

God wants us to be kind to each and every person. Today we will see how the actors at Station K-I-N-D and the actors at Station M-E-A-N react to certain situations.

(The actors at Station K-I-N-D react to the situation first. Then use the remote to go to Station M-E-A-N.)

Following each situation, ask the following questions:

**Which set of actors behaved in a Christ like manner?
How do you think the people felt in the unkind scenes?
Can you tell me about a time something like this
happened to you?**

(Use any other questions you think appropriate to get the children to discuss the situations.)

Situation #1:

One child is playing a hand-held video game. His or her sister walks in and says, "Hey that's my game!"

Situation #2:

Two children are playing at the park. Another child sits alone with no one to play with.

Situation #3:

Two children from the same family decide to eat a snack. Both children want apples to eat. Only one apple is left.

Situation #4:

Two children are watching a favorite television show. Mom asks the children to clean their rooms because one of her friends is on her way over for a visit.

Situation #5:

Dad is busy collecting trash for the garbage pickup. Three children are playing Frisbee in the yard when Dad comes by with an armload of trash bags.

Today we are going to find out about a king who showed kindness. This king was David. Before David became king, a man named Saul was king. Saul had a son named Jonathan and David and Jonathan were best friends. Saul did not like David very much. In fact a couple of times, he tried to have David killed. But David and Jonathan still remained best friends and they agreed that no matter what Saul tried to do to David, they would continue to be friends and they would be kind to each other's families.

Our story takes place after David had become king and both Saul and Jonathan were dead. David remembered the promise that he had made to Jonathan about being kind to his family.

One day David asked one of his servants, "Is there anyone still left in the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake." The servant told David that Jonathan had a son who was still living. His name was Mephibosheth. Now that's a hard name to say. Let's practice saying it. (Let children repeat the name several times.) David asked his servant what he knew about Mephibosheth.

The servant told David that Mephibosheth was crippled in both feet. What does crippled mean? (Allow children to respond.) The servant explained to David what had happened. Mephibosheth was five years old when his father Jonathan and his grandfather Saul were killed in a war. When the news arrived about their deaths, Mephibosheth's baby-sitter picked him up and fled and as she hurried to leave, he fell and became crippled. That's all the information that the Bible gives us about how he became crippled. David told the servant to go and find Mephibosheth and bring him to live at the palace because he wanted to show kindness to Mephibosheth.

You have to understand that this was not a normal thing to do. You see, Saul was Mephibosheth's grandfather and Saul had been mean to David. Remember, I told you that Saul had tried to kill David a couple of times. But because of the love that David had for his friend, Jonathan, he wanted to show kindness to Jonathan's family.

When Mephibosheth came to the palace, he bowed to pay honor to David, the king. Naturally Mephibosheth was a little nervous coming before the king. David said, "Don't be afraid for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will give to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather, Saul, and you will always eat at my table."

Mephibosheth was most grateful for the king's kindness and wondered why King David would be so kind to him. David told him about his friendship with his father Jonathan and that being kind to Mephibosheth was also showing kindness to Jonathan.

You know this is the same kind of kindness that God shows to us. Even though we are always doing things that are disobedient to God and doing things that makes Him sad, He still shows kindness to us.

The greatest kindness that He showed to us was when He allowed His Son Jesus to come live on this earth and to die on the cross for our sins. We keep messing up and God keeps showing us His love and His kindness. And He wants us to show that same kindness to other people.

That's what our Bible verse is about.

Bible Verse:

(Hold up Bible Verse card and let children read it with you.)

Be kind one to another. Ephesians 4:32

What are some ways that you can show kindness to others.

(Allow children to respond.)

Prayer:

Dear God. Thank you for the love and kindness that you have always shown to us. Help us to give the gift of kindness to everybody that we meet.

Goodness Project for tomorrow:

(Display a basket or box for gathering the canned goods tomorrow.)

Tomorrow we will be talking about another gift, goodness. Kindness and goodness are a lot alike. Goodness includes helping somebody else. We want to help others by helping the Food Pantry at Brinkley Heights. Tomorrow we want each family to bring one canned good to put in our basket/box and we will see that it is delivered to the Food Pantry at Brinkley Heights.

(Send home a note with children telling about this project.)

Day 4

God's Children Are Good To Others

(Taken from Luke 10)

(If any of the children brought a canned item for the food basket/box, allow them to put the item in the basket/box. Tell the children who didn't bring anything that they can still bring something tomorrow.)

Today we will talk about goodness. We use the word good when we say, "This pizza sure tastes good!" or "I'm really good at playing baseball!" Goodness and kindness are a lot alike. God wants our lives to be filled with goodness. God has been so good to us and we are supposed to show God's goodness to others. Goodness means giving of ourselves and sharing with others.

Today our story is about a man who was kind, but he was more than kind. He not only showed kindness, but he also showed goodness because he was willing to give of himself and to share with another person.

Many times Jesus would tell a story to help teach a lesson. This particular time He was teaching what it meant to be a good neighbor and how to be kind and show goodness to other people. This is the story that Jesus told.

A man had been traveling on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho when he was attacked by thieves who beat him, stole his money, and left him beside the road to die. A little while later, a priest came by. The priest would be like the preacher at a church. The priest saw the man lying beside the road. The priest moved to the other side of the road and walked on.

Then a Levite came by. The Levite was a helper in the temple. He worked with the priest and he was responsible for the music. When he saw the hurt man lying beside the road, he also passed by on the other side of the road.

Finally, a man from Samaria came by and saw the hurt man. Now you have to understand that the hurt man was a Jew and the Jews and Samaritans did not like each other. The Samaritan man felt sorry for the hurt man, even though he was from a different country. The Samaritan man used some oil to clean the hurt man's wounds and he bandaged the wounds.

Then he took him to an inn down the road. An inn would be similar to a hotel.

There the Samaritan man continued to care for the hurt man. When the Samaritan man left the next morning, he asked the innkeeper to look after the hurt man and left money to pay for his care. He assured the innkeeper that he would pay for anything else the hurt man needed.

We know this story that Jesus told as the "Good Samaritan". Jesus said that the Samaritan man who helped the hurt man was the one who did right. He was the one who showed goodness.

Showing goodness means that we love other people as much as we love ourselves. It means that we are willing to give our time to help other people. Because God has been so good to us, He wants us to show this goodness to other people. What are some things that you can do to show goodness to other people? (Allow children to respond.)

Small Group Activity:

Divide the children into small groups with a youth leader for each group. Give a copy of the "How Could You Show Goodness In This Situation?" sheet to each youth leader. The leader tells the children the situation and then together they discuss how they could show goodness if faced with that situation. When you feel that the small groups have had time to complete their assignment, call everybody back to the large group to complete the lesson.

In your small groups you talked about ways that you could show goodness in certain situations. (Refer to a few of the situations and call on one of the children to tell what his/her group decided would be a good way to show goodness in that situation.)

The way we learn to be good and to show goodness is by letting Jesus be our example. And we learn from Jesus by spending time with Him. That means that we listen to stories about Him, we sing songs about Him, we pray to Him and we learn Bible verses that help us to be like Him.

Showing goodness to others is what our Bible verse is about.

Bible Verse:

(Hold up Bible Verse card and let the children read it with you.)

And do not forget to do good and to share with others.
Hebrews 13:16

Prayer:

Dear God, You are good and You help us to do good things. We know that we grow in goodness by spending time with you and thinking about your goodness. Help us to imitate your goodness.

How Could You Show Goodness In This Situation?

Situation #1

An elderly woman lives next door to you. She is outside trying to rake her leaves. How could you show goodness?

Situation #2

Mom was sweeping the kitchen floor trying to get through because company is coming over. Your baby brother is crying and needs a bottle. How could you show goodness?

Situation #3

You are in the park playing with your best friend. A new kid is sitting at the picnic table all alone. How could you show goodness?

Situation #4

You are invited to go to someone's house to watch a video with a lot of violence in it. You really want to see the movie, but you know that your Mom would be upset with you if you watched it. Why would watching the movie not be a good thing to do? Can you think of another thing you and your friend could do together that would be fun for both of you and also show God's goodness?

Situation #5

Everyone is picking on an unpopular kid in the class. If you are nice to this person, you might be picked on too. How can you show God's goodness to the unpopular kid and to your friends?

Situation #6

You are in the lunchroom at school. A new girl in the school just tripped and dropped her tray of food all over the floor. How could you show goodness?

Situation #7

There is a kid at school who broke his leg and is on crutches. It's really hard for him to carry his books. How could you show goodness?

Day 5

God's Children Are Faithful

(Taken from 1 Samuel 18-20)

So far this week we have talked about love, peace, kindness, and goodness. Today we will talk about faithfulness.

Being faithful means that you keep your word. It means that people can trust you; that you can be counted on to do what you say that you will do. And our best example for this is God. He is always faithful to us. He always keeps His word. We can all be faithful people by following what the Bible tells us to do. If we study God's Word and know what it says, we can make plans that please God and that we can carry out.

Remember when we had the story about David and Methibosheth, we talked about that Methibosheth's father was Jonathan and his grandfather was King Saul. David and Jonathan were best friends, but King Saul was jealous of David and didn't like him very much. In fact he tried to have David killed.

Our lesson today actually happened before the story about Methibosheth. Today's lesson takes place while Saul is still king. We are going to see how Jonathan was a faithful friend to David. These two friends understood faithfulness.

How would you describe a "friend"? What do you think it takes to be a good and loyal friend? (Allow children to respond.)

David had come to a point in his life where he needed a good friend and he needed to be a good friend. David lived in Saul's palace and had become very close friends with Saul's son, Jonathan.

David and Jonathan spent lots of time together. They ate together at the king's table. They went hunting together and would practice shooting their bows and arrows.

One day Jonathan told David, "David, I love you as much as I love myself. I do not want anything bad to ever happen to you. David, I promise always to be your friend. To show you how much I mean this, I am going to give you some of my favorite things." Jonathan took off his robe and gave it to David. Then

Jonathan said, "I want you also to have my sword, my bow, and my belt."

David became a mighty warrior. Saul kept sending David out to fight the Philistines and David kept winning. Saul put David over all the soldiers. When Saul did this, his officers and all the other people were pleased. Everything that David did was successful. The people were so excited about David and his successes. The people sang songs of joy, danced and played tambourines and stringed instruments. As they played, they sang, "Saul has killed thousands of his enemies. But David has killed tens of thousands." David became very popular among all the Israelite people. In fact he became so popular that Saul became jealous of David. Do you understand what the word jealous means? (Allow children to respond.)

One day while Saul was in one of his depressed moods and David was playing the harp for him, Saul became very jealous and threw his spear at David with the intention of trying to kill him. David ducked just in time and was able to get away from Saul.

The Philistine commanders continued to go out to fight the Israelites. But every time, David defeated them. He had more success than Saul's officers. And he became famous.

The more famous David became among the Israelite people, the more jealous Saul became. Saul told his son Jonathan and all his servants to kill David. But Jonathan cared very much for David.

So Jonathan warned David, "My father Saul is looking for a chance to kill you. Watch out in the morning. Hide in a secret place. I will go out and stand with my father in the field where you are hiding. I'll talk to him about you. Then I'll let you know what I find out."

Jonathan talked to Saul his father. He said good things about David. Jonathan said, "You are the king. Don't do wrong to your servant David. He did nothing wrong to you. What he did has helped you greatly. David risked his life when he went out to fight the many battles for you. The Lord won a great victory for all Israel. You saw it, and you were happy. Why would you do

wrong against David? He's innocent. There's no reason to kill him!"

Saul listened to Jonathan. Then he made this promise: "As surely as the Lord lives, David won't be put to death." So Jonathan called to David. He told David everything that had been said. And he brought David to Saul. So David was with Saul as before.

Another time Saul tried to kill David while David was playing his harp and David had to run away. After staying away for awhile (for his own safety) David came back to Jonathan. He went to Jonathan and asked, "What have I done? What is my crime? How have I sinned against your father so that he's trying to kill me?"

Jonathan answered, "No! You won't die! See, my father doesn't do anything without first telling me. It doesn't matter if it is very important or just a small thing. Why would he refuse to tell me he wants to kill you? No, it's not true!"

But David took an oath. He said, "Your father knows very well that I'm your friend. He has said to himself, 'Jonathan must not know about it. If he knows, he will tell David.' But as surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I am very close to death!"

Jonathan answered, "If I learn that my father plans to harm you, I will warn you!"

Saul spent most of the rest of his life trying to kill David. David spent much of his time on the run trying to protect himself from Saul. David was hiding out from Saul when Jonathan found him. Jonathan helped David have stronger faith in God. Jonathan told him, "Don't be afraid. My father won't touch you. You will become king of Israel, and I will be second to you. Even my father Saul knows this." The two of them made an agreement before the Lord. Then Jonathan went home. But David stayed in hiding.

During the time that David was running from Saul, he had opportunities to kill Saul, but because of the respect that David had for Saul and for the love that he had for his friend Jonathan, David could never allow himself to hurt Saul.

Once when Saul realized that David could have killed him, Saul said, "You are right, and I am wrong. You have been good to me. But I have done wrong to you. I know you will surely be king. You will rule the kingdom of Israel. Now make a promise to me. Promise in the name of the Lord that you will not kill my descendants. (Make sure that the children understand the word "descendants".) Promise me that you won't wipe out my name from my father's family."

David showed faithfulness when he made this promise to Saul and he never broke that promise.

I want to tell you about some situations and you decide if this describes a faithful person or a person who is not faithful--that would be an unfaithful person.

*Situation #1

You go to a birthday party and your friend ignores you.

*Situation #2

Your friend takes time to help you study for a spelling test.

*Situation #3

You told your friends you'd bring the football for the game, but you didn't.

*Situation #4

You promised to return a book to the library, but you didn't.

*Situation #5

You promise your mom that you'll do your homework, and instead you watch TV.

*Situation #6

Your friend tells you about Jesus.

*Situation #7

You see a friend doing something dangerous, and you tell an adult.

*Situation #8

A bully at school makes fun of your friend, and you walk away.

*Situation #9

You collect money for a fund-raiser at school and you keep some of the money instead of turning it in.

*Situation #10

You share the story about Christ dying on the cross with someone.

Can other people count on you to be faithful? Can they count on you to always keep your word?

Our Bible verse for today is about always being faithful.

Bible Verse:

(Hold up the Bible Verse card and let the children read it with you.)

Let love and faithfulness never leave you.
Proverbs 3:3

This means that being faithful is such an important part of our lives that we should always make it a part of our lives. We should be sure that other people can always count on us.

One of the best ways that you can be a faithful friend is by praying for that friend or family member. Is there anybody that you would like for us to pray for today? (Allow children to respond.)

Prayer: (Include any requests that are mentioned in your prayer.)

Dear God, Thank you that we can always count on you to be faithful. Help us to use You as our example so that we can learn to be faithful. Help us to be friends who can always be counted on.

Resources

<i>Bible Crafts</i>	Teacher Created Resources
<i>Bible Crafts and More</i>	Standard Publishing Co.
<i>Bible Stories and Crafts</i>	Teacher Created Resources
Children's Sunday School Literature	Lifeway
<i>God's Special Plan for Children</i>	Salvation tract from NAMB
<i>Kids Travel Guide to the Fruit of the Spirit</i>	Group Publishing, Inc.
<i>Life Application Bible (NIV)</i>	Tyndale Publishing Co.
<i>Spur of the Moment Crafts</i>	Cook Communications Ministries
<i>The Encyclopedia of Bible Crafts for Children</i>	Group Publishing, Inc.

Things Needed To Teach Lessons

Day 1

Scripture cards
Pictures to go with each section of lesson
Bible Verse card

Day 2

Bible Verse card

Day 3

Prepare signs that say: Station K-I-N-D and Station M-E-A-N
Remote control
Practice situation with youth helpers
Bible Verse card
Basket or box for the canned goods to be brought in on Day 4
Notes to send home asking for each family to donate one canned good

Day 4

Make copies of the "How Could You Show Goodness in this Situation"
sheet
Bible Verse card

Day 5

Bible Verse card

Day 1 Craft

Jesus' Resurrection

Supplies needed:

1 copy of each pre-cut sheet per child
2 large craft sticks per child
Stapler/staples
Tape
Crayon/markers
Pencils

Materials to prepare:

Copy the two pictures on white or ivory cardstock
Cut out the sheets

Directions

Children write their name on the back of one of the sheets.
Children color the two pictures.
Children tape both sheets together to make one large picture—on the back if they can.
Children accordion fold the picture to make a fan and staple the bottom of the fan.
Children tape the two craft sticks to each side of the stapled end to make a handle for the fan.
Children wrap tape around the sticks to make them sturdy.

Day 2 Craft

Savior Scope

Remind the children that Jehoshaphat had peace because he prayed to God and trusted God for victory against the enemy. The way for us to have that peace is to always be focused on our Savior.

Supplies needed:

- 1 empty potato chip can (9" tall) per child
- 1 piece of black construction paper
- 1 of each of the pre-cut word strips per child
- Stick on stars
- Glitter
- Craft glue
- Glue sticks
- 1 small strip of copy paper per child
- Tape

Materials to prepare:

- Prepare the cans by removing the bottom with a can opener. Make sure that any jagged edges are removed. Gently wipe out the cans with a towel.
- Copy the word strips on copy paper and cut out
- Cut small strips of copy paper for children to write their names on
- Experiment with the black construction paper to see if it needs to be cut to fit around the can.

Directions:

- Children write their name on small strip of paper and tape inside the can.
- Children wrap the black paper around the can and either glue with craft glue or tape.
- Children decorate the covered can with glitter and stick on stars.
- Children glue the two word strips on either side of the can.

Encourage the children to use their Savior Scopes to read their Bibles.

Day 3 Craft

Kindness Planter

Explain to the children that they will make a planter to give to someone to show kindness. Encourage the children to talk about the person they will give the planter to during the time that they are making the planter.

Supplies needed:

- 1 styrofoam cup per child
- 12 pieces of yarn (10" long) per child
- 3 pieces of yarn (6" long) per child
- 2 pieces of yarn (4" long) per child
- Crayons/markers/stickers for decorating
- Potting soil
- Marigold seeds
- Plastic spray bottle with water
- Hole punchers
- Sharpies

Materials to prepare:

- Cut the pieces of 10" and 6" yarn and tie knots in one end of each piece—the knot has to be big enough so that the yarn can not be pulled through the holes.
- Cut the 4" pieces of yarn, but do not knot

Directions:

- Children write their names on bottom of cup with sharpie.
- Children punch 6 holes around the top edge of the cup.
- Children decorate cups with crayons/markers/stickers.
- Children put two pieces of the 10" of yarn in each hole.
- Children gather the 12 pieces of yarn together and tie at the bottom with 4" piece of yarn.
- Children insert the 3 pieces of 6" yarn through 3 alternating holes and tie at the top with the other 4" piece of yarn for a hanger.
- Children put potting soil in their cup and add seed.
- Children water their seed with spray bottle of water.

Discuss with children how to take care of the plant.

Day 4 Craft

Goodie Bags

The children will prepare a "Goodie Bag" to give someone to show goodness to that person.

Supplies needed:

- 1 pre-cut bag per child
- 1 pre-cut piece of ribbon (12" long) per child
- Enough wrapped candy to fill each bag (**and some extra for the children to have a few pieces to eat**)
- Glue sticks
- Crayon/markers
- Pencils

Materials to prepare

- Copy the bags of white or ivory cardstock
- Cut bags
- Cut ribbon

Directions:

- Children write on the "to and from" lines with a pencil.
- Children color bags with crayons or markers.
- Children fold on the dotted lines and apply glue to the tabs to form the bag shape.
- Children fill their bags with candy.
- Children tie ribbon to close the bags.

Remind the children that the difference in kindness and goodness is when demonstrating goodness a person gives up something. So the real test for this craft is whether or not the children can actually give the goodie bag to somebody else rather than eating the candy themselves.

Day 5 Craft

Catch and Toss

Supplies needed:

2 paper bowls per child
2 pieces of poster board
(1 ½"x10") per child
Stickers
Newspaper
Masking tape
Stapler
Staples
Crayons/markers
Pencils

Materials to prepare:

Cut poster board—(Make a finished craft to make sure that these strips are the right length for the size of the bowls you are using. Adjust the length of the strips to fit your bowls.)
Cut newspaper into sheets

Directions:

Children write their names on the inside of each bowl.
Children decorate the poster board strips with sticker, crayons/markers. Only decorate one side of each strip.
Children staple the decorated strips to the bottom of the bowls. This forms a strap on the bowls so they can be worn as a catcher's mitt. The straps should have about a ½" space so that a child's hand may fit easily into the mitt. Each child will have two mitts.
Children will crumble sheets of newspaper loosely into 5" balls.
Children will use 6" lengths of masking tape to tape around the ball so that it will keep its shape. Each ball will need 3 or 4 strips of tape.
Children can play games of toss and catch with a friend.