



## WEEK ONE – JULY 2019

**Bible Story:** *Back 2 Good • 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, NIV"*

**Life App:** *What God is doing in you to change the world around you*

**Basic Truth:** *I should treat others the way I want to be treated.*

**Summary:** We start the month in James 1:17a. Jesus' brother, James, shares a bit of wisdom that reminds us how everything that's good comes from God. It's true! Everything good in our lives is because of God. And the best gift that God gives is Jesus. Because of what Jesus did for us, we can show God's goodness to others.

**Bottom Line:** *Show God's goodness to others. When we understand that God has been so good to us, we can't help but show goodness to others. From being kind to helping others, we hope kids come up with some great ideas to point others to Jesus with their actions.*

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**9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:40 - KIDS ARRIVE**

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### **Team Welcomes Kids** *(Providing Time for Fun Interactions)*

"Je-sus loves me.

2 lap pats – 2 claps

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Jesus loves [child's name]"  
shout out the name

#### **1. Early Arriver Idea**

*Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group*

**What You Need:** N/A

**What You Do:**

- Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up.
- Invite kids to place their offerings in the *For Everyone* box on the wall near the main entrance
- As kids arrive, invite them to play “I Spy.”
  - Select an object in the room, but don’t tell kids what it is.
  - Say, “I spy with my little eye something [insert color of object].”
  - Instruct kids to raise their hand if they would like to make a guess.
- Each time someone guesses correctly, ask them the question, “What is the best gift you have ever been given?”

## 2. Show & Tell

*Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding*

**What You Need:** Paper; markers

### What You Do:

- Encourage your group to sit in a circle.
- Explain what “Show and Tell” is. (It’s a time when someone gets to show off one of their favorite things or something they can do really well.)
- Encourage your few to think about something they could show and tell to the group. It can be a favorite object, a sibling or friend, or something they’re good at doing.
- Hand out paper, and set the markers where everyone can reach them.
- Give kids a few minutes to draw their item or action.
- Invite each kid in your group to show and tell!
  - *Note: Some kids at this age will be shy and hesitant to share. Don’t force anyone to show their picture and talk about it in front of the group. Offer to let kids tell you about their picture and let you present it for them. On the flip side, some kids will talk until you stop them! Make sure you time-manage this activity so that everyone who wants a turn gets to share.*

### What You Say:

*“I really enjoyed learning more about you all today! There is so much talent and some really cool hobbies in our group. What was your favorite thing someone shared at ‘Show and Tell’? (Allow time for responses.) You know, **[Transition] Today in Large Group, we are going to learn that goodness means so much more than the things we like or what we’re good at. Let’s go find out what else it can mean for me and you!**”*

*Lead your group to the Large Group area.*

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**9:10-9:35 | 10:40-11:05 - LARGE GROUP**

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***Bible Story – INTRO, Story, OUTRO Videos (whatever works best for your few)  
Worship SONGS***

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**9:35-10:05 | 11:05-11:35 - SMALL GROUP**

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# GROUPS

*(Creating a Safe Place to Connect)*

## 1. Gift the Goodness

### [Bible Story Review]

*Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing*

**What You Need:** “Gift the Goodness Cards” and “Gift the Goodness Labels” Activity Pages, markers, gift bags

### What You Do:

- Provide each kid with a set of “Gift the Goodness Cards.”
- Encourage them to color the cards that have people on them while you talk through each scenario and help them understand the goodness in each picture.
- After your few are finished coloring the goodness pictures, invite them to dream up their own ways to show God’s goodness and draw them on the blank cards.
- Give each kid a gift bag and a label.
- Encourage them to place their label on their gift bag and decorate their bag however they choose.
- Ask your few to place their cards inside their gift bag and take them out at home to remind themselves of the good things they can share this week.

### What You Say:

*“I think we have come up with some really great ideas to get us started on showing God’s goodness. This week, I want to encourage you to **[Bottom Line] show God’s goodness to others any chance you get.** Whether it’s at home, school, or even at practice, you’ve got a whole bag of ideas to keep you going! Aren’t you so excited that God wants to use you to show people how good He is? I can’t wait to hear next week about how your goodness sharing goes!”*

## 3. Pray and Dismiss

### [Prayer Activity]

*Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application*

**What You Need:** Kids’ thank-you notes from the previous activity

### What You Do:

- Encourage your group to read their thank-you notes aloud quietly to God. (Invite kids to all read their notes at the same time, to minimize the potential for anyone to feel “put on the spot.”)
- Close your group in prayer when you see every kid has finished.

### What You Say:

*“God, we thank You for being the God of good plans! We thank You for creating us to do awesome things in this world. Although we can’t always see the full picture of your plans, we know that You have the best plans because You are so full of goodness. We ask that this week, You would help us to be people who **[Bottom Line] show God’s goodness to others** and are overflowing with Your love. In Jesus’ name, amen!”*

*As adults arrive to pick up, have each kid display their gift bag. Ask them, “What card do you think you’ll pull out first?” Remind them that no matter where they are or what they are doing this week, they can **[Bottom Line] show God’s goodness to others.** Also, don’t forget to hand out this month’s content overview to each parent!*