Good

Lesson Introduction

"Good." Being good is not always popular. For those who seek to please God, it seems strange that good should be looked on in a negative light. What is wrong with good? To those who do not practice good, it is like a light that painfully illuminates their failure to be good. The wrong doers know of their failure and to be reminded of it often irritates them.

There are few things more irritating to someone who has done wrong than to be in the presence of someone who is good. It is similar to someone taking their fingernails and scraping them on an old slate chalkboard. It's enough to make your hair stand up.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish hidden motives. ---- What should a Christian's response be? Do good anyway.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. ---- What should a Christian do? Do good anyway.

The man who did the most good, was spit upon, cursed, mocked and then they killed Him. Follow Him. His name is Jesus. Do good until the day He welcomes you home.

The alternative is not desirable. Working for Jesus, some say, "The pay is not always so good, but the retirement policy is out of this world. ☺

Flash Point

Good: Be good, there's no law against it.

LESSON TWENTY-ONE

Memory Verse

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PREPARATION LIST

Prepare all songs and story pictures. Trace and color the songs and pictures onto transparencies or larger pieces of paper. If any items are not available, attempt to locate acceptable substitutions.

Welcome: Mad Scientist (MS) costume
National Anthem: National flag
Game #1: Paper, water color paint
Game #2: Copies of memory verses
Special Emphasis:
Offering: Containers for offering
Announcements: Flyers for next meeting
Lesson Introduction: Volunteer
Memory Verse: Transparency or posterboard
Bible Story: Coins, wooden rod
Object Lesson #1: Devil's Mask
Object Lesson #2: Container, candy, coins
Object Lesson #3: Paper money, wallet,candy
Object Lesson #4: Small coin, rubber band

Kids Club Rally

Welcome:
KIDS Rules
Prayer _____
National Anthem _____
Theme Song _____
Praise Songs _____
Review Questions #1 _____
Game #1 What Is It
Review Questions #2 _____
Game #2 Put It Together
Special Emphasis
Offering _____

Worship _____
Special Ministry _____
Announcements _____
Lesson Introduction That's Good
Flash Point: Good: Be good...
Memory Verse Matt. 25:23
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Object lesson #1 Equal Time
Object lesson #2 A Temptation?
Object lesson #3 What's Your Price?
Object lesson #4 Small but Big
Story Time He Limped
Ending Prayer

GOOD

Welcome

Props: Mad Scientist (MS) costume.
Preparation: Dress a volunteer to look like a mad scientist. (Be creative.)
MS: Enters, making a lot of noise.
Leader: Give me a **"G,"** (Encourage audience to copy.) give me an **"O,"** give me another **"O."** Give me a **"D."** What does it spell? (Give audience time to respond, **"Good."**) Yes that's right, today's lesson is about being good. Every week, we are learning another part of developing character for Jesus. This week it is about being Good.
MS: Comes in making noise with a noise maker and doing some dance steps. He asks the audience, "Am I good?" (Keeps it up until he get's the audience to laughing and saying he is doing it good. **Leader:** (Laughing.) Thank you Mad Scientist for your contribution. You really are making a lot of noise and those dance steps are just too much. See you later, I need to get on with teaching the lesson. **MS:** Exits with noise. **Leader:** The MS is **very good** at making noises and making a distraction. But, there is a lot of difference between being a good noise maker and **being good** in your heart. It is like the **Flash Point: Character.** Remember? (Repeat it with actions.) It's not what we know, or do, it's in our heart. **Being good** is the same.

Kids Rules
Opening Prayer

Suggested prayer: Dear Jesus, You are so good to me. Please help me to be good to others. I want to be like You. In Jesus name. Amen.

National Anthem
Praise Songs
Review Questions

1. Finish the Flash Point. (With actions) Character: It's not there. It's not there. It's there!
2. Finish the Flash Point: Patience: Hard 2 find. Important 2 have.
3. Finish the Flash Point: Generosity gives us velocity to grow and go.
4. Finish the Flash Point: Tenderhearted with an open hand not a fist!
5. Finish the Flash Point: Faithfulness: Never leave home without Him.
6. Finish the Flash Point: Joy-Full: The saddest time's with Jesus, are better than the happiest time's without Him.
7. Finish the Flash Point: Dreamers: wanted: God wants to talk to us. Young and old, boy's and girls.

Game #1
What Is It

Props: Paper, water color paint, clean up material.
Preparation: Give each player one sheet of paper. Prepare the paint supplies to paint with hands only. Have clean up supplies. Marker pens can be used instead of paints.
Participants: Recommend four to eight older players.
Game Rules: The contestants line up each gets a turn to act as an artist. The pictures are to be drawn without brushes. No words may be written or spoken to the audience. The object of the game is to silently draw a picture of the item they are to describe, all without using words (written or spoken). The audience participates by guessing what they are trying to draw. Suggest giving a small prize to both those who successfully guess what is drawn, and the artist who draws. On the signal to start each contestant is to draw on their paper the item the leader reveals to them. Allow 15 - 20 seconds for each artist, depending on the age of your contestants. Encourage creativity, give hints to the artists as needed. (For example, for a quick draw of a nose, a drop of water color paint on the nose touched to the paper, might be sufficient. Suggested topics.

1. Hand. 2. Sad. 3. Foot. 4. Glad. 6. Frog. 7. Pig. 8. Nose.

LESSON TWENTY-ONE

Review Questions

1. Complete the Memory Verse. **Do not** be fooled: Bad company corrupts good character. I Corinthians 15:33
2. Complete the Memory Verse. **To obey the** Lord is better than sacrifice, and to pay attention is better than the fat of rams. I Samuel 15:22 with an open hand not a fist.
3. Complete the Memory verse, There was a disciple named Dorcas, who was always doing good and helping the poor. Acts 9:36
4. Complete the Memory verse, Be kind and tenderhearted to each other. Forgive each other just as God forgave you in Christ. Ephesians 4:32
5. Complete the Memory verse, I saw heaven open, and there was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. **Revelation 19:11.**
6. Complete the Memory verse, A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones. Proverbs 17:22
7. Complete the Memory verse, In the last days, God says, "I will pour out My spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams." Acts 2:17

Game #2
Put it Together

Props: Copies of Memory Verses.
Preparation: Trace out patterns of a puzzle onto copies of previous memory verse pictures (Approximately 40 pieces). Cut them out and place each Memory Verse picture puzzle into individual envelopes. If you have a large group, recommend doing the puzzle on poster size paper and provide tape to assemble the puzzles in a place visible to the audience.
Players: Two teams of four each.
Playing: Show a completed picture of the Memory Verse. The two teams are to work together on putting the puzzle together. The first team to assemble their puzzle are declared the winners.

Offering
Children in Special Ministry
Worship
Announcements

Lesson Introduction
That's Good

Props: Volunteer.
Preparation: Find someone who is gifted with a good voice to sing or do something special for this time.
Presentation: Today we have a friend to bless us with a special song (Or acceptable substitute). Let's enjoy it. Introduce them. At the close encourage applause and or thanks from audience.
Leader: We all enjoy **good** things. If our lives are lived for Jesus we will do our best for Him. Being **good** for Jesus, is natural to us when we invite Jesus into our heart. Being bad is natural to someone who has not invited Jesus into their heart. If we have a problem being **good**, it may be because we have not dedicated our lives 100% to Jesus. Today's **Flash Point: Good: Be good, there's no law against it.**

Memory Verse

Well done good and faithful servant. You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"
Matthew 25:23

Props: Transparency or poster of today's scripture verse. It can be used as a coloring page for the class or as a take home item.
Preparation: Practice and become familiar with today's memory verse. Recommend using the music provided on the Kids Praise and Worship tape.

Presentation: We serve a wonderful God! God loves us when we are cute little babies. In fact He knew us even as we were taking shape in our mothers womb. Not only does God love the cute little babies He even loves us all, boys and girls, young and old. Sing today's Memory Verse. (If time is available, recommend practicing other Memory Verses of this quarter.)

Flash Point

Props: List of all Flash Points.
Review: Practice all **Flash Points** with actions and definitions. This week's **Flash Point: Good: Be good, there's no law against it.** "Good" is the very nature of God. For us to be good means we are choosing to follow Him. If we do not know God, we will choose by nature to be selfish. The laws of the world are there to enforce or to hopefully help people to choose to be good. The law is not enough to make people be good. As followers of God we want to be like Him, so we need to be good. **Flash Point: Good: Be good, there's no law against it.**

Flash Points

#1. Character: It's not there. It's not there. It's there!
#2. Patience, hard 2 find. Important 2 have.
#3. Generosity gives us velocity to grow & go.
#4. Tenderhearted with an open hand not a fist.
#5. Faithfulness: Never leave home without Him.
#6 Joy-Full: The saddest time's with Jesus, are better than the happiest time's without Him.
#7. Dreamers wanted: God wants to talk to us. Young and old, boy's and girls.
#8. Good: Be good, there's no law against it.

Quiet Seat Time

Bible Story
School Master
Galatians 3:23

Props: Coins, wooden rod, candy, and a Bible.
Preparation: Read today's scripture passage, recommend reading Galatians 2 - 4 for background information and understanding on today's subject. Add additional props, demonstrating tools of the law as they are available (perhaps even a policemen). Two the two children volunteers, instruct one to take candy secretly while the leader is not watching (even eat it if they want), and to the second volunteer, instruct them to not take any of the candy.
Participants: Leader and two volunteers.
Presentation: Holding a wooden rod, like a school teacher would use. Place a small pile of candy on the floor. Instruct two children (volunteers) that the candy is not theirs and that they must leave it alone. Next, to the audience, (Ignore the two children.) We have policemen and the law for a reason. Why do you think (insert name of your town) has policemen? (Encourage a response). Yes, the policemen are here to help protect us from criminals and the effects of criminal activity. They are also here to help us when a natural disaster arrises and to help make sure traffic flows good, etc. (Add to the list of policemen duties). If the policemen are here to stop criminal activities, can the policeman and the law make the criminals become good, obedient people. Yes or no? (Encourage a response).
The correct answer is, "No!" The Bible says that the law is like a school teacher, or like the rod in a school teachers hand. The law establishes where the boundaries are, the rod is a tool that punishes.

Turn to the two children next to where you had placed the candy. (The candy should all be gone, taken by one of the children.) Point with the wooden rod, "Which one of you stole the candy?" Both deny taking it. While pointing with the rod, insist that the children empty their pockets. The guilty child has a pocket full of candy.

Take the guilty child, acting like you will take him to jail, release him to another helper to take away to a place where he will pay the punishment. To the second child ask, "Why didn't you steal any candy?" They are to reply, "Because I love Jesus, and He is in my heart. I know that He would not be happy with me stealing so I let my love for Jesus guide my hands. **There is no law against doing good.**" Leader: What an excellent answer. Even though I had a rod, and said, "Do not steal." That was not enough to stop the one child from stealing. The law is not enough to stop a bad heart. Only Jesus can change our hearts from bad to good. Thank second volunteer as they exit.

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Teaching Tip

If the children love you they will want and need interaction with you. Make sure to personally greet all, or as many as possible each week. If possible give each a loving hug, handshake or acceptable greeting. We cannot over emphesize the importance of this personal touch.

Object Lesson #1
Equal Time

Props: Devil's mask.
Preparation: Prepare additional props as needed.
Presentation: Individual in Demon mask, or with painted face and or additional accessories as desired. Demon comes out and demands equal time. Leader says, "Make it quick, I think these kids can tell good from evil.

Demon: Stands in front of the audience, and says sarcastically to the audience, "Why do you want to be good? Ha! No one is going to pay you to be good, but if you steal what you want then you'll be happy. Leader: Kids, is that true. If you steal, will that make you happy? (Encourage response.) Demon: "Come on kids you are smart. Why be good when it is easier to do what you want to do. Hey, I know you. Some of you have secretly followed me for a long time. I know when you steal. I know when you lie. I know when you cheat. I even know when you do things in secret or in the dark. Laughing, You can't fool me, I know you!"

Leader: OK, Devil, you've had your chance, now your time's up, get out of here. (Push him into the exit). Kids, He might have been telling the truth about what you have done, but don't forget he is a master liar. He can't see your heart. You may have followed the devil in the past but, when you decide to follow Jesus you no longer belong to the devil. You now belong to God. Following God and doing good is the best way. The devil said no one would pay you for being good. What he did not tell you was, if you obey him and do the acts of sin, you will get paid for the bad you do. That is guaranteed both by the law and by God. God gives wages or pay for those who do bad, but those who follow Him receive the free gift of eternal life.

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Object Lesson #2
A Temptation?

Props: Container, candy, coins, (Optional: Devil mask.)
Preparation: Place candy (in wrappers) and perhaps some coins into a see through open container.
Presentation: Hold up the container of candy, coins, etc. This is mine. I have not given it to anyone. I am going to pass this container around the audience. Please do not take anything from the container. You may look but do not take any, they are not yours to take.

Pass the container around. Perhaps even encourage one or two to touch the candy and coins.
(Optional) The actor with the devil mask can enter again and tell the kids to take candy or coins from the container. Who would know they haven't been counted. Just one. Who would care? Leader: Tells the devil to leave the kids alone and he does. As he goes he tells the kids, "Go ahead, whose going to care? Laughing, exits.
Some of you might even think about how good the candy tastes. Or you might be thinking what you could do with the money if you had it. Some kids like to skip school and go to the internet cafe's to play games on the computers. (Feel free to insert a current problem that exists in your area.) These kids who skip school, practice doing wrong as if they will never have to pay for it. The Bible tells us that the wages of sin is death. Sometimes we do wrong things and we think that, nobody cares, or nobody will know, but you know and God knows. The wages (or pay) you receive for the sin you do is death. Have the container of candy brought to the front. Hold it up. The devil uses the truth to help people disobey. It is true. I did not count how many pieces of candy that were placed in this container. Yet, there are at least two who would know if you stole a piece of candy. Who are they? (Encourage the answer. God, and the person who stole.) To choose to do good, is to choose to follow God. **Flash Point: Good: Be good, there's no law against it.**

Object Lesson #3
What's Your Price?

Props: Paper money, wallet, candy, lipstick, smiley face, and glue bottle.
Preparation:
Presentation: Let me tell you a secret about the devil. The devil thinks that everyone here, can be bought. He thinks that of you and he thinks that even I can be bought. He thinks that everyone has a price. In other words, the Devil wants you. He will go for you soul until he possesses it. One thing you need to understand.
If you do not have Jesus in your heart, and if you have not asked Jesus to forgive you of your sins, you already belong to the devil and he does not have to work for you. You already belong to him. The first time we lie, steal, cheat, and sin makes us the property of the devil.
Even if you have asked Jesus into your heart, the devil thinks that he can still buy you back. For some people it is money. Wave a handful of play paper money. The amount of money the devil has to use to get you to follow him is not important. The devil has a lot of money. Hold up candy. The devil can even try to get some of you back by convincing you to steal, using candy as the bait. Remember the devil thinks everyone has a price. The devil even tried to buy Jesus. He offered him the same kinds of things he offers you. Some girls and boys, have found that the devil can buy their soul for the price of beauty. Hold up lipstick. For some the devil found their soul could be bought by offering sex.
Hold up the smiley face. The devil promises his people happiness. If it takes a bottle of glue (Hold up the glue.) the devil is willing to give you what you want if you will only obey him. What is your price? What price will you need to give the devil your soul? Take out a wallet. (Encourage a response.) How can you best protect your soul? The best way to protect your soul is to sell out 100% to Jesus. If you are sold out for Jesus, then no amount of money or anything else can buy you. You need to belong to Him. If your heart belongs to Jesus, you will want to do good and please Him. You will not want to sell out for anything to the devil. **Flash Point: Good: Be good, there's no law against it.**

Object Lesson #4
Small but Big

Props: Small coin, rubber band.
Presentation: There was a small child, he was about seven years old. He was visiting some people his parents knew. Outside there was a fresh patch of concrete.

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As his father went into the home he remained outside to play. Suddenly a flash caught his eye. There was something in the concrete. Kneeling down he saw a small coin, 10 cents, that was imbedded in the fresh concrete. The little boy carefully removed it from the concrete and stuck it in his pocket.

Later he showed son of the family the dime he found. Their son said, “I hope that’s not mine. I stuck one in the concrete outside. The little seven year old boy, lied hastily, as he said, “Oh no! This dime I found it in another town.” Soon he left with his dad, but in his heart he knew he had lied. He had stolen the other boys dime. It is amazing the small price that we are willing to put on our heart. Hold the small coin up. Did you know that something as small as this can block out the light of the sun? I’ll show you. If you have a coin take it out and copy me. Hold the small coin over close over your eye. Isn’t it interesting. When I close my other eye, now I can no longer see you. If money is your god, it will blind you to God. That little boy felt bad over what he had done and he repented. Repenting means telling God you are sorry and asking His forgiveness. It also means not doing it again. It also means, if it is at all possible, the person who steals should repay what he stole and even give back more than he took. That little seven year old boy did repent and he ask Jesus to forgive him.

Later when that young boy was about 13 years old, while in a store, he saw an open package of rubber bands. He wanted one, and so slipped just one into his pocket. Just one rubber band. (Hold one up). Is taking one rubber band, that is not yours, a sin? (Encourage a response.) Yes, taking something that does not belong to you is sin. Your heart, if you are sensitive to Jesus, knows what is right and wrong. Once again, that young boy, knew he had done wrong. This time no one ask him. He went back to the store and placed the rubber band back where he found it. He had made a decision, “He chose to follow Jesus. Following Jesus means, doing what Jesus would do and Jesus went everywhere doing good. We too should do good everywhere we go. **Flash Point: Good: Be good, there’s no law against it.**

Story Time

He Limped

by David Blatchley

Picture 21:1 In an old country, that had an old village, there was an old man, some say even older than time. Many people including kings and queens’ had gone to him and asked their important questions. They considered him a wise man, as if age gave him wisdom. He didn’t consider himself wise, but he knew the Way of life and remembered old truths about the world.

Picture 21:2 One day in an old village in the old country, a youth of few wits decided his life was not as it should be. He was a farmer’s son, and he wanted to be rich and have an easy life. This was how he found himself heading up into the hills toward the old man’s hut. He came upon the small shack and found the old man behind his home. He was fishing in a stream that ran through the hills. The old man saw him and greeted him, biding him to sit down next to him.

Picture 21:3 The boy sat down and he found himself telling the old man about his life and how he thought it should be. The old man listened silently for a long time, and when the boy was done the old man asked him, “What do you want me to do?”

"I want to know how to have an easy life and have anything I want." The boy said. The old man thought for a little while, and then asked the boy if he would listen to a story. The boy said he would, so the old man began his tale.

Picture 21:4 A long time ago there lived a boy. This particular boy was a kings son. He had anything he wanted, but inside he was never satisfied. One weekend as he was going through an old village, he saw a farmer's boy that looked exactly like him. He ordered his carriage to stop and jumped out thinking, "If only I could get away from the palace for a few days and trade places with that other boy." After a few words with the boy they went down by the creek bank, where no paid them any attention, and they spent several profitable hours preparing each other to change places. Then they eagerly traded places, with the village boy headed toward the palace in the princes' clothes. The only possession the prince had left of his own was his gold ring. It seems that both the boys were dissatisfied with their lives.

Picture 21:5 After the weekend of fishing, to his surprise his fishing had to end and he was required to go work out in the field with all the other young men of the village. This work involved being out in the sun all day. The field boss had a whip, and used it on the prince if he thought he wasn't working hard enough.

The prince quickly go tired of the work, especially with all the painful blisters on his hands and a sore back with blisters from the whip. A few days of working in the fields was more than enough to convince the prince that it was time to go back to the palace and get his place back. The field harvest boss was not happy to see him leave his work undone, so the prince had to run away.

Picture 21:6 At the palace He was stopped at the gate of the palace, as peasants were not allowed to enter unless invited. The castle rules were that the peasants were not allowed to enter. When the guards stopped him, he told them the truth, that he was really the prince in disguise. Of course they laughed at that. But when he tried to push past them they lowered their spears and told him, not even a peasant who could tell jokes was allowed to enter without a pass. That made the prince very angry. He started shouting, and tried to hit them for their disobedience to him the prince. After making a commotion for not being allowed to enter, and insisting he was the prince in disguise, he was taken before the king with guards on either side of him.

Picture 21:7 Fortune was not with the prince that day, for beside the king was the village boy in the princes clothes, a devious smile on his face. The prince pleaded his case with his father , the king, at the end holding out his hand with the ring

he said, “See my ring, it proves I am the true prince.” Suddenly the village boy cried out, “Father, my King, that is the beggar that stole my ring, he is a thief and a liar.”

Picture 21:8 When the prince heard this he was filled fear, he knocked down the guards on his side and ran out for the palace gate. As he was running with the guards chasing him they cried out and the drawbridge was being raised. For fear of being caught on the inside with no escape, the prince ran up the drawbridge and jumped to the other side of the moat. When he fell to the ground he landed wrong and hurt his leg. The prince fled from the palace with a limp and never went back.

Picture 21:9 The old man straitened from the telling of his story. The boy thinking that was the end asked, “How does that help me, are you saying that I should trade places with a prince?” The old man leaned forward and said, “The does not end there.” Three months after the prince had left the palace, the kingdom was attacked , the castle looted and destroyed, and the village boy was killed along with the entire royal family, only the prodigal prince escaped death because the old village he lived in was left unharmed. The old man straitened once more and told the boy that it was better to have a good, honest life even if it is a hard life, than to wish for more, because things could always become worse. The boy left the old man with new insight and satisfied.

Picture 21:10 After the village boy left, the old man went to his hut, with a limp in his step.
He found a hidden box, and gazed at the gold ring resting inside. He whispered to himself, “It is true, “A good honest life, even if hard is better than no life at all.

Wrap Up

When our life is over, we all will have a report card on our life. It is being recorded in the Book of Life. If our name is written in the Book of Life, and if our actions have been pleasing to God we will hear the words, “Well done good and faithful servant.” If our life has displeased Him we will hear the words, “Depart from me.” Follow Jesus and do good. That is the secret to having a happy life. Don’t fail the test of life.

Closing Prayer

Dear Jesus, Please help us to follow you in all the things we do. We love you and want to live for you. You are so good to us. Please help us to be good to You and others. In Jesus name. Amen.