SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR WESTVIEW KIDS JUNE 7, 2020

Dear Westview Families,

You will notice that this week's lessons continue through the book of Acts and we look at the story of Lydia. and the fruit of the Spirit of goodness.  These past few weeks we are reminded of the pain in this world and what lives look like when God has not been allowed to transform peoples' hearts and minds.

  After Paul and Silas came out of the prison, they went to Lydia’s house, where they met with the brothers and sisters and encouraged them. (Acts 16:40) Acts 16

 During Paul’s travels with Silas to Philippi, he led many to Christ including a woman named Lydia. She was so grateful to Paul for bringing her the gospel that she continually opened up her home to him and his friends when they needed a place to stay or meet. She saw it as the least she could do because of what Paul had done for her in bringing her the good news of the gospel. She reflected God’s goodness and extended that goodness to others.

 When we have invited Christ into our lives, we begin to take on some of his characteristics, one of these being goodness. We can show God’s goodness to others by being good. While only God can be good all the time, by having Jesus in our hearts we can strive to show goodness in our thoughts, words, and actions.

 Think of the Fruit of the Spirit as gifts God has given us when we choose to follow him. He wants us to practice all these characteristics so we can be the best example possible to others. However, these gifts are not worth much when we do not grow and develop them by sharing them with those around us. What good is goodness if we keep it to ourselves? When you share that gift, your goodness, with others in the name of Christ, they see him through you. When you are filled with Christ, you reflect him in all you do. Goodness is treating others well because we have Christ in our hearts.

**May we be raising a generation of kids that display the fruit of the Spirit to all those around.**

**Love and Peace,**

**Dawn**

**Lesson for Elementary Kids**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RBxznb07WkY&t=284s>

Questions for Elementary Kids

1. What was your favorite part of the video we just watched?
2. How did Lydia learn about God and hear the good news about Jesus? *Paul and Silas shared the message with her and the other women. Lydia and everyone in her house believed.*
3. What did Lydia do to show goodness? *She allowed Paul and Silas to stay at her house when they visited Philippi.*
4. Why did Lydia show goodness? *Lydia knew and loved God. She showed goodness because she had the help of the Spirit to share God’s love and goodness.*
5. What makes it difficult for you to be good? *Sometimes it can be difficult to be good, and we don’t always feel like being good. But when we love God and follow Jesus, like Lydia, God gives us the gift of his Spirit. He helps us show goodness by treating others well so we can share God’s love with everyone.*

Lesson for our Under 5s

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OL4vl1EBQ4Q&t=186s>

Questions for younger kids:

1. What was your favorite part of the video we just watched?
2. In the Bible story, how did Lydia show goodness? *She allowed Paul and Silas to stay at her house with her family when they visited!*
3. At Skuppeton Farms, how did Winston show the fruit of goodness? *Winston helped Katie sort the apples and make sure only the good apples were in the right basket!*
4. When you belong to God’s family, who helps you be good? *The Holy Spirit!*
5. How can you show goodness and treat others well? *You can think about ways you would want to be treated and then choose to treat others the same way. If you like it when other people share toys with you, then you can choose to share your toys, too!*
6. Pray with your child and thank God for his love and goodness. Because of the Holy Spirit, we can show goodness to everyone!