#TargetPractice: What is “good”?

In what ways do we hear the word “good” used? (Good job, good morning, good bye, good deal, good idea, good dog….) We hear it so much we may not even think about what it means.

When we hear the word “good” in the Bible, it goes a step further than just “being good”. **What do you think it means?** (doing what is right even when it is difficult)

The Bible says that everything God makes, says, and does is good. (Mark 10:17-18
'As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. ')

This means that if we want to be good, we need to be more like…. God. We need to **make the decision to do good on purpose** then **practice every day**. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can **know what is right** and **do it, even when it is hard or takes more time, or even if no one is watching**. (That is called integrity.)

So what does this look like in our everyday lives? Let’s watch what Douglas has to say about goodness and his example of what goodness looks like. Try to think of your own example.
Goodness | The Fruit of The Spirit for Kids (youtube.com)

Jesus wants us to show goodness from the inside out because He always showed goodness to those around Him. If we show love to those around us, we are showing God’s goodness.

School is starting this week. As we pray, let’s ask God to help us to remember the Fruits of the Spirit and help us to show them in our lives.

Some ideas taken from (2) God's Story: Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness - YouTube