

CALVARY CHAPEL OAKDALE



2023-2024

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

FEBRUARY, 2024

This Month's THEME:

**WE ARE TO BEAR
THE FRUIT OF "KINDNESS" &
"GOODNESS".**

WEEKLY THEMES THIS MONTH:

Week 1: We need the fruit of God's kindness.

Week 2: Do we know where to find kindness?

Week 3: We need the fruit of God's goodness.

Week 4: Do we know where to find kindness?

Week 5: Do we know where goodness leads?

(5th Weekly devotion for months with 5 Wednesdays)

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Romans 2:4 – Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?



Full verse for:
Armor Bearers & Knights

Romans 2:4 – “The goodness of God leads you to repentance?”



Short verse for:
Page & Squires

Lesson #1 - We need the fruit of God's kindness.

Text: Galatians 5:22a - "The fruit of the Spirit is ... kindness."

Read: Galatians 5:19-26.

Devotional:

A couple had been shopping at a large grocery store one day and had put a lot of groceries in their cart. As they made their way to the checkout stands to pay for their groceries, they acknowledged it as an exceptional day. The lines were very long, and the checkers were extremely busy. This all meant the people in line were looking impatient and frustrated. When the couple got near their turn to place their groceries on the belt to be scanned by the checker, they noticed the woman in front of them was ready to pay. But she kept putting her card into the machine and it was rejecting her card. From her frustration, it became clear she did not have any other way to pay for her groceries. Some people behind the couple were heard complaining that she did not have any ability to pay for her groceries and wanted her to be thrown out. The lady became frustrated and looked like she was about to fall apart and cry. Just then a woman from another line saw what was happening and walked over and put her credit card in the machine and paid for the lady's groceries, all of them. So, the lady said "Thank you!" and was extremely grateful. But she also asked her, "Can I ask, 'Why did you do that for me?'" Then the woman who paid for her food said, "Because Jesus loved her and purchased a place in heaven for her, which she could not afford."

Thoughts from the Lesson:

We should all desire to be kind to people given how amazingly kind God has been to us to pay the penalty of death we deserved to pay.

Questions for Application:

- Did we know Jesus purchased a place in heaven for us?
- Did we know we need to believe in Jesus to receive this gift of kindness?
- Do we look for opportunities to be kind to people like Jesus?

Lesson #2 - Do we know WHERE to find kindness?

Text: Titus 3:4-5a - "But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us"

Read: Titus 3:1-7.

Devotional:

Jimmy was a very observant child. When he went to school, he had a great knack for observing which people were kind to others as well as those who were mean. After observing this, Jimmy decided he wanted to be the type of person who was kind to people all the time.

Unfortunately, Jimmy didn't have a family that lived by the example of being kind to one another. His parents seemed to be upset and angry with each other quite a bit.

So, Jimmy started wondering, "Where can I learn to be more kind to people? I haven't seen that very much in my life." Well, eventually, Jimmy asked a friend that same question and was encouraged to speak to his friend's youth pastor and Jimmy did just that.

The youth pastor told Jimmy, "Kindness is a fruit of God's Holy Spirit. That means it comes from God. That also means you have to know God who is kind all of the time. And once you know God, His Holy Spirit comes to live in you and is available to fill you person with the same kindness God's Holy Spirit has.

We can all be kind some of the time with people. But to be kind all the time requires God's help.

Well, Jimmy then asked the youth pastor how he could know God to experience God's kindness and to be like that to other people all the time.

Thoughts from the Lesson:

We are blessed to know we can come to God to teach and empower us to kind to people like He is. We can even be kind to people who aren't.

Questions for Application:

- Do we know God so we can have His Holy Spirit in us?
- Do we struggle with being kind to people?
- Do we desire to be kind to people?

Lesson #3 - We need the fruit of God's goodness.

Text: Galatians 5:22a - "The fruit of the Spirit is ... goodness."

Read: Galatians 5:19-26.

Devotional:

Bonnie was a schoolteacher and she wanted to teach her students about "goodness". So, she challenged them with a homework assignment one day. She told them, "I want all of you to write down when you see people show goodness to each other. And next week we will share them with each other and encourage one another.

Well, the students decided they would take this assignment seriously and tried to be observant, but many were having a hard time finding people who showed actual goodness. They heard stories but were having a hard time seeing it for themselves. So, one of the students asked the teacher, "Miss Bonnie, can you give us an example of a person who is full of goodness?"

And she told them, "Why, 'Yes', I can. In the Bible, Exodus 34:6 tells of the time Moses was on Mount Sinai, and he came to the top to speak with God. And this is what it says, "And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth."

So, the Bible tells us God is not just good, but He is abounding in goodness."

She then asked the students to give examples on how they believe God had been good to people.

Soon, the students began to give clear examples of God's abounding goodness. But they all agreed the greatest goodness God has ever shown was to send Jesus to die for us to pay the penalty our sins deserved on the cross.

Thoughts from the Lesson:

Did we know we would not have any hope in the Savior Jesus if God was not full of goodness?

Questions for Application:

- Can we think of a time God have ever not been good? Hint: There is no such time.
- Do we know God is good all the time?
- Do we really believe God is good and always will be?

Lesson #4 - Do we know WHERE to find goodness?

Text: Romans 15:14 - "Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another."

Read: Romans 15:13-17.

Devotional:

Recently, Lucy had made some mistakes and her parents had to discipline her. Unfortunately, she became very upset and began to think her parents didn't love her. In fact, she was so upset, it began to show on her face. So much so that her Sunday School teacher noticed how upset and depressed she looked. So, she asked her why she looked so upset and Lucy told her about her situation. And Lucy said she loved her parents but didn't think they loved her anymore since they were disciplining her.

That was when her teacher told her, "Lucy I think I have some very good news for you. But you have to hear me out. Can you do that?"

And Lucy told her, "Yes. I'd like to hear what you have to say so I can understand what my parents are doing."

So, her teacher then told her, "Lucy, the Lord has put your parents in your life to lead you and to bless you. But when we do things that are not good, they have to let you know in a way you will remember. And it is not easy for parents to do that. But it is an act of goodness for your parents to discipline you to show how much they love you. If they didn't love you, they would not be good to you if they let you do things that are not healthy."

And that was when Lucy realized, "So, my parents love me and are good to me by disciplining me? I feel so much better. Thank you."

Thoughts from the Lesson:

Do we assume our parents or God are mad at us when we sin?

Questions for Application:

- Do we know God disciplines us because He is loving and good?
- Do we accept God's discipline as an act of love and goodness?
- Did we know goodness leads God to discipline us so we can become more like Him?

Lesson #5 - Do we know where goodness leads?

Text: Romans 2:1-4 - "Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?"

Read: Romans 2:1-11.

Devotional:

A group of people were out one day in a public place looking for opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with anyone who would listen. And they found a group of teenagers who stopped to listen.

The group leader, Hank, asked the group of people, "If you were to die tonight and stand before God and He asked you, 'Why should I let you into My heaven?' What would you say?"

Well one teenager, Sam, said, "I would tell Him, 'I've been a good person.' So, you should let me in."

Then Hank asked this teenager, "I can see you seem confident you are good enough to get into heaven by being good. So can I ask, 'Can you tell me how good a person has to be to get into heaven?'"

And to the group's surprise, Sam said, "I really don't know. Can you tell me how good a person has to be to get into heaven?"

That's when Hank answered and said, "I'm so glad you asked that because the Bible is clear we have to be perfect to get into heaven." Then he asked Sam, "Sam, have you been perfect your whole life?"

And Sam admitted he knew he was nowhere near that good and was wondering if he had any hope to get into heaven anyway.

And that was when Hank began to tell them how perfect Jesus was and how Jesus died to pay for every single time any of them was NOT perfect. And all we need to do is to admit we've sinned & believe in Him.

Thoughts from the Lesson:

Jesus is the only perfect one who was GOOD all the time.

Questions for Application:

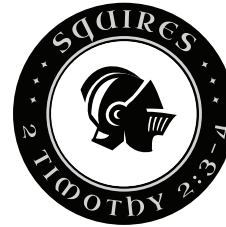
- Do we know we're not good as the bible defines it...perfect?
- Do we know Jesus was so good He never did anything wrong?
- Did we know Jesus was so good He died to pay for all the times we were not good?

What are the age groups for WFC?



Pages

(3-4 years old)



Squires

(K-2nd Grade)



Armor Bearers

(3rd-6th Grade)



Knights

(Jr. & Sr. High)

Note: All age groups determined by child's age on 9/1 ea. yr.

What awards can our children earn?

Three special pins can be earned each year and are awarded to the children as follows:

1. Sword Pin: For memorizing 6 verses during the WFC calendar year.
2. Helmet of Salvation Pin: For bringing 3 different friends to an evening during the calendar year.
3. Armor Pin: For attending 2/3 of the 34 weeks or more (22 wks).

Is there a cost for the club?

No! The club is free. The t-shirts are \$20 each.