

Goodness

[The Four Friends]



THE BIG IDEA

The children will be aware / know that goodness does not just mean being good but doing good and encouraging others to do good. True goodness comes from God.



MEMORY VERSE

See Resource FOS4 Ideas for Learning Memory Verses.

Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.



KEY VERSE

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.



Read

Matthew 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12;
Luke 5:17 -26; James 1:17



DISCUSSION

Get all the children to sit down and ask them these questions:

- ▶ What's the best gift you have received?
- ▶ What's the best gift God ever gave you or your family?
- ▶ Why was it so special?

Resources

▶ Praise Songs



See Resource FOS5

Love, Joy, Peace, by Shelley Spiers

YouTube

Fruit of the Spirit Children's Song

https://bit.ly/FOS_Song

▶ Activity



See Resource FOS02

Obstacle course

▶ Craft

See Resource FOS03

The Friend on the Mat (PDF)



▶ Programme Card

Be a Good Egg

<https://bit.ly/Jnr-GoodEgg>

The Bible tells us that every good gift and every perfect gift is from God. He gave us life, a beautiful planet to live on, water to drink, food and everything we need to live. Best of all, He gave us Jesus.

Our story today is about a man who received an awesome gift from Jesus.



The Talk

What you'll need

- 4 strips of card about 2-3 cm wide
- 3 split pins

Cut and join strips of card for telling the story as shown in the diagram.
Practise telling the story with the strips of card.



Watch this YouTube video for inspiration:

The Four friends by Steve Harris

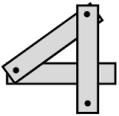
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This is a basic outline of telling the story but it can easily be expanded upon.

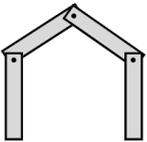
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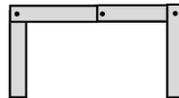
There was a man who couldn't walk. He just lay on his mat all day.



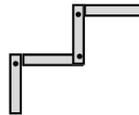
The man had 4 friends.
They wanted to help, so they took him to Jesus.



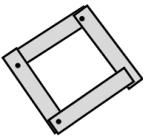
They got to the house where Jesus was - but it wasn't a house like we have, it had a flat roof.



So many people had come to see Jesus that they couldn't get through the door. So they climbed the stairs on to the roof...



...and made a hole in it.



They tied ropes to the mat, and let it down through the roof to Jesus.



When Jesus saw the man he said, "Your sins are forgiven." Some people were cross. "How can Jesus forgive sins?", they asked. Jesus said, "Is it easier to say, your sins are forgiven, or...Get up, pick up your mat, and go home"



The man stood up straight,

folded up his mat, and went home.



When Jesus was on earth He showed goodness to every single person He met. Jesus was just like His Father in every way so everything about Jesus was good because everything about God is good.

This was a wonderful day for the paralysed man. Jesus not only healed him so that He could walk, but he forgave his sins so that he would no longer be separated from God.

We can do good when Jesus is leading and guiding us every day.

The Holy Spirit will help us keep our motive for doing good. We can show God's love through goodness when we help a friend who is sad or lonely, help our parents, listen and do what our BB leaders or teachers say. We can encourage our friends to make wise choices too.