

KIDS PLUS
Lessons and Illustrations to Use with Your Children as a Family Time or With
Children in a Small Group Setting

GOD GIVES GOOD THINGS

SCRIPTURE: Luke 11:5-13

VERSE: “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change.”
James 1:17

CONCEPT: God is a good God and His actions toward His people are always positive. We can trust Him completely to give us only those things which will be to our ultimate benefit. We need to lead a lifestyle of thankfulness, for everything good in our life is a gift from God.

Read the Scripture together.

Illustration:

Have a black bag filled with play money.
Have another bag filled with rolled pieces of paper (tied with ribbon) which have some of God’s promises printed on the paper.

This is a story about a family who had a lot of needs. As they were talking about their needs together, they were also feeling if only they could receive a special gift from someone, they felt all their troubles would be over and they would be no longer need to worry about these needs. As they were discussing their lack of money for food, bills, and other things all of a sudden a stranger came knocking at the door dressed in black. When he came in, he told them he had good news. Their troubles were over and he handed them a bag full of money. The family was overjoyed at their good fortune. How wonderful that this stranger would come and give them such a wonderful gift. As they opened the bag, they soon discovered that the money looked real but was not real at all. As this person in black hurried out the door before they could say anything, they heard him chuckling this evil chuckle.

Now what are we going to do, they said? They thought all their problems were solved. Then one of them remembered the memory verse they had learned at church (James 1:17). The Bible says that every good and perfect gift is from above, coming from God Who does not change? As they picked up the other bag that was sitting in front of them, they opened it up and they began to discover a few of God’s promises. (As you open the bag, have the children read some of the promises and talk about how and why we can believe the promises of God.)

Discussion:

1. Who do you think the strange person could have been in this story?

2. Does Satan ever try to trick us into trusting him?
3. Are any of his gifts ever good?
4. Do they look good?
5. Can you think of some things that may look very good, but which later turn out to be very bad for you?
6. What kind of gifts does God give?
7. Will He ever hurt us or give us bad things? Why?
8. Name some good things you know God has given you.
9. Are there any good things that are not gifts from God?
10. Discuss the promises from above that you may have had written out on the paper.

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GIFT LIST

Below are some good gifts from God and some bad gifts from Satan. Circle the person who gives each gift.

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| 1. Sickness | God | Satan |
| 2. Joy | God | Satan |
| 3. Peace | God | Satan |
| 4. Death | God | Satan |
| 5. Healing | God | Satan |
| 6. Love | God | Satan |
| 7. Hurts | God | Satan |
| 8. Faith | God | Satan |
| 9. Hatred | God | Satan |
| 10. Lies | God | Satan |

MEMORY VERSE:

Draw a picture of the word that is missing in the first blank. In the last blank, draw either a ↓ or ↑

EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT _____

IS FROM _____



My God shall supply all your need
Philippians 4:19

