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EPISODE 1: GOOD ENDING!

Theme: God is Good

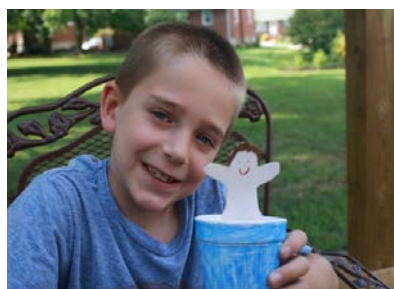
Biblical Reference: II Kings 5 (story of Naaman)

For Discussion:

1. What does it mean that "Good" isn't the same thing as "easy."
(God is always good, but that doesn't mean life will always be easy.)
2. What reassures us about a good God? (Even though you can't see everything yet, God is at work, even if you're a slave or in the middle of hard times.)
3. Who are the people who help you and serve you?
4. Have you ever had trouble happen, but then later you saw how God brought good out of it?
5. What should we remember no matter what? (God is Good and is always with you-working for good in your life!)
6. Elisha wasn't selfish. Read the story in II Kings 5 and tell why.
7. How can you tell God cares about immigrants or other countries? (Naaman was from Syria and God healed him. God watched over the servant girl and she was Israeli.)

Activity:

1. Make a stick figure with spots and a frowney face on one side and clear skin and smiley face on the other. Attach figure to a craft stick and poke a hole in the bottom of a Styrofoam cup colored blue. Dunk the figure with spots seven times then twirl stick so clear figure with smile is seen.



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2. Make a verse-a-day gift for someone with 7 verses that you like to remember about God.
3. Make a primitive broom like the servant girl might have used tying sticks together.



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EPISODE 2: THE APPLE OF HIS EYE!

Theme: God is Creative

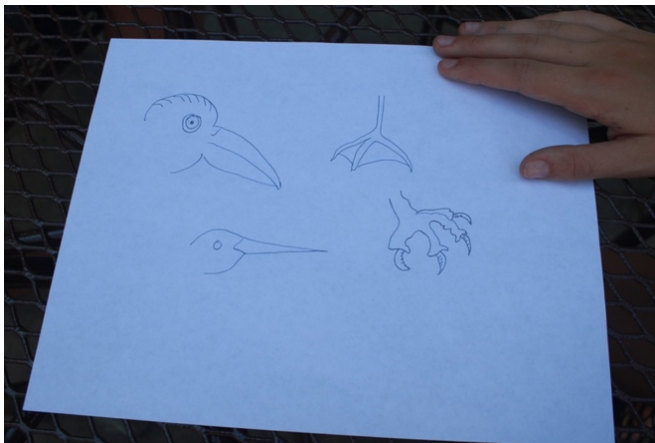
Biblical Reference: **Genesis 1** (story of creation emphasizing reproduction of plants/animals/people) **Genesis 7:3** ...male and female. Fruitful and multiply to keep their kind alive.

For Discussion:

1. What does it mean to "Create?" (When you make something that wasn't there before.)
2. What's your favorite creative thing to do? (Painting, imagining, writing a story, inventing a game, etc.)
3. What different things did God make so each kind could make their own? (Seeds for plants, animals and people.)
4. God planned life! How did death get in our world? (The "Tricker." The Tricker keeps trying to kill God's ways so we can't reproduce. How would the Tricker make it so creation would slowly die out? By not following God's way of male and female.)
5. What do you like about that perfect world that God made?
6. What would the world be like if it were all good like it was in the beginning?
7. Do you know when the world will be perfect again?
8. In what important ways do we look like God? Multiple ways: Our spirits don't die at death, we were made for relationship, to be creative, to respond redemptively, to be loving, etc.)

Activity:

1. Make a bird identification chart.



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2. Make a mobile with twigs and found objects or a paper mache bird.



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EPISODE 3: IT'S ABOUT TIME

Theme: The purpose of work. It's a part of saving people which is God's big purpose—in all the work we do- which makes work better than play.

Biblical Reference: Genesis 6, 7, and 8 (the ark)

For Discussion:

1. What did you make that you're proud of?
2. For work to be better than play, you have to find the reason. Name a chore you do and the reason for it.
3. What is a job you really like to do? (You have gifts and interests!)
4. What is a new skill you'd like to learn and who could you ask to teach you?
5. How does work benefit your mind, hands and body?
6. What instructions did God give Noah for building the ark? (Measurements, how to choose animals to bring, which wood to use, what it would be used for, etc.)

Activity

1. Make a scavenger-measuring hunt to practice measuring things around you. Remember Noah followed instructions for measurements.



2. See how many tools you can learn during a week about carpentry, mechanics, computers, kitchen, ministry or another field of study!



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EPISODE 4: HOLY COW

Theme: God is the Only Living God. God powerfully freed Israelites, led them out of Egypt, miraculously led them through the Red Sea and even so they chose a pretend god. Encourage children to put their trust in the only living God.

Biblical Reference: Exodus 14 -15 Moses finding the people fickle and dancing to a Cow.

For Discussion:

1. How does Miss Yvonne show respect to God?
2. Is there something special you would like to do every day to remember God is the only living God?
3. If a microscope helps you see little things what do you think the Bible helps you see?
4. What's one way that you get the Bible in your mind and in your heart?
5. What did you discover about God this week?

Activity:

1. Make an Attributes of God planter. These attributes show He is living!

Use a flower pot or even a Styrofoam cup, and write "God Is..." on it. Decorate the flower pot/cup with paint, glitter, stickers, or markers. Then write attributes of God on Popsicle sticks or card stock and remember that these are what make God the Only Living God. In Bible Stories, talk about how God is loving, kind, holy, good...through that particular story.



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EPIISODE 5: NO LAUGHING MATTER

Theme: Faith in God and God alone

Biblical Reference: Genesis 15, 17, 18 and 21 (Abraham & Sarah's faith)

For Discussion:

1. This promise has three parts. Can you name them and tell what they mean? ("I will be your God," "Walk blamelessly" and "I will be your children's' God, too.")
2. What good news did God tell Abraham and Sarah? (That they would have a baby.)
3. Why was this special news? (Because they were both very old, too old to have a baby normally.) What will you remember about faith in a situation you're facing now even though it's not all fixed yet? (God is God and is in control!)
4. Who is the One who fixes everything that's broken? (Jesus.)
5. What did he fix on the cross and what did he fix when He resurrected from the dead? (He forgives our sins-our saying "no" to God's ways- by his shed blood and He conquered our biggest fear-death.)
6. Have you put your trust in Jesus that he can fix your life? It's really easy but really important. We invite you to pray a simple prayer in your own words now. ("Jesus, I need you in my life. Please fix me, forgive me, and put my life in order.") Then follow him with your whole heart your whole life. We pray for you, dear one. Jesus hears you when you talk with Him and loves you so much.

Activity:

1. Make a stars-in-the-sky banner, or flag or headband! Something to help you remember this wonderful Promise! Get excited about God being our God! That's all we ever needed! Make stars on a blue background and write "God keeps His Promise!"



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EPISODE 6: RECIPE FOR BROKEN BREAD

Theme: Jesus is Lord!

Biblical Reference: Luke 22:61-62

For Discussion:

1. What funny ingredients did Pumpkin put in her cake? (Potato chips, broccoli, chocolate chips)
2. What does it mean to say “yes” to God’s big plan every day? (We say “Jesus is Lord” and then do what He asks.) Is there something He is stirring in your heart today? Do we follow His plan even when it seems scary?
4. Why do you think Peter said “*No! Jesus is no friend of mine!*”
5. Did you ever run away like Peter? Sometimes it’s okay to run away but not to run away from God.
6. How does it make you feel to know that God has a big plan and that you’re a part of it? What is the big plan? (To save the whole world!)
7. Why did Jesus ask the disciples to stay awake praying? (To not fall into temptation.) How does Jesus help you not fall into temptation? (By truths from his Word like we learn in *Well, Well, Well!* by asking Jesus in prayer and by looking for a way out of temptation!)

Activity:

1. Make a Kazoo with a comb or different size paper towel tubes and wax paper secured by a rubber band. Paint your kazoo, if you want to! Hum or say “dooooo” into your kazoo to the tune of “Follow, follow, I will follow Jesus” and make a parade. Use found objects or real instruments for a band!
Paint your kazoo!



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EPISODE 7: NOT IT!

Theme: You are a unique You and valuable, not anyone's toy

Biblical Reference: Exodus 2:1-10 (The Lord cares about babies like baby Moses and about children.)

For Discussion:

1. There's a big difference between being "it" or a toy and a real boy or girl. Can a doll cry, laugh or have feelings like sad or happy?
2. You're never a toy for someone else to play with. What should you tell someone if they want to play with you and treat you like an "it"? ("I'm not a doll, I'm a real person.")
3. Mr. David said you're unique. He said, "Unique means that God made each one of us, one at a time and that you're valuable. So valuable that nobody should ever treat you like you're a doll." What's one thing you really like about your unique self?
4. Since God made us one at a time, and loves each one of us...What are some of the ways God watches us and takes care of us?
5. Can you think of any people he uses to help take care of us?
6. Pep Pep reminded us of two rules. Can you remember them? (-nobody should touch you under where your clothes are -nobody should tell you to keep a secret about touching)
7. Do you have any questions about anything the puppets talked about? (For example, Newton's friend showed him sexual pictures, Pumpkin and Newton sang a song about healthy sexuality and becoming a man and woman and getting married some day- God's way for wellness.)

Activity:

1. Make a paper weaving with contrasting construction paper. Instructions are readily available in homeschooling/teaching websites. This is like Moses' basket.
2. Talk about how each weaving is unique and different, just like God the Creator made each one of us special.
3. Hang your paper-weaving masterpiece on the wall, use it to cover a recycled jar for storing pencils, or turn it into a pretty birthday card. Experiment with different colors.



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EPISODE 8: THANKSGETTING

Theme: Being Grateful to God

Biblical Reference: Exodus 16 and Numbers 11 (Story of manna and quail)

For Discussion:

1. What does being grateful help with? (Not always wanting something more, something newer, faster, and better.)
2. Who are we really criticizing when we complain? (God, the giver of good gifts.)
3. Pep Pep made a list of what? (Things he was thankful for.)
4. What's one thing that happened this last week that you're thankful for?
5. Have you been complaining about something that you're ready to stop complaining about?
6. What is something Jesus did for you that you're thankful for?

Activity:

Practice the habit of thanksgiving. Take 21 days to do a scavenger "gift" hunt. Each day find three things in that day's category of "gifts" that God gives us for which we can be grateful. Keep a journal. Remind your child how he/she can be grateful for even the smallest of things. For instance look for three round gifts one day, three green gifts another, three inherited gifts, etc.



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EPISODE 9: WWW.ADVENTURE.GOD

Theme: God has a big adventure for all

Biblical Reference: Luke 5 (Peter didn't want to go...Peter wanted Jesus to leave him alone. But he went, left everything and followed Jesus)

For Discussion:

1. What got Pep Pep upset? (He didn't want the children to just stay in their neighborhood the rest of their lives.) Why? (Selfish.)
2. When Peter and Jesus caught 2 boatloads of fish, what did Peter do and say? (He fell on his knees. Recognized Jesus was different and said, "Leave us alone! I'm a nobody and a mess but look at you...you're YOU! Let us get back to life the way it's always been.")
3. Peter recognized that Jesus is very other-not like a human. First he said he wanted life as it was, but he really wanted the life Jesus offered most. Sometimes this is how people respond. How would you respond?
4. What did Jesus say to Simon? (Jesus: Hey, Simon, I've got a better idea. But you'll have to be brave, not afraid. Here's the idea, why don't you spend the rest of your life helping people, rather than catching fish. Come on with me on the adventure!) How did Peter respond then?

Activity:

1. Choose a random act of kindness where you can show God's love to someone else.
 - Smile and make eye contact with at least 5 people you see today.
 - Yard work for a neighbor
 - Leave a thank-you note for your mailman/woman, UPS deliverer, newspaper carrier, etc.
 - Grab the carts from the parking lot and take them into the store.
 - Hold the door open for someone
 - Clean out your toy box or books and give them to another child in need.
 - Be a friend to someone who needs a friend
 - Draw a picture or write an encouragement note for someone in a nursing home.
 - Pick up trash in your neighborhood, for the enjoyment of others
 - Offer to take your neighbor's dog for a walk.
 - Take cookies to the fire station and thank the firefighters for their hard work.
 - Take sandwiches to a homeless person and have a conversation.

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2. Make pipe-cleaner glasses: They're a reminder to see people how God sees them.



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EPIISODE 10: SUPER POWERS

Theme: Relationships are fundamental for life and church

Biblical Reference: Luke 15 (Prodigal son)

For Discussion:

1. To be a part of a big task to save the world, we need the super-power of being together as what? (The Church.)
2. What's something we can do better all together than when we're alone? Can you make of list of those things?
3. How can the church act like Jesus? What did he do that your church could do?
4. The younger son decided to leave his family and do life on his own. What happened to him? (Lived it up as long as he had his father's money and then was alone. He decided to return home and ask forgiveness.)
5. How did the Father treat his younger son a)when he asked for the money? (He gave it to him.); b) When the son was gone? (He watched for him and missed him.); c)When the son returned? (He welcomed him back and made him a part of the family.) Who does the Father represent? (God)
6. How did the older son act? (He was jealous and critical when Jr. was welcomed back.)
7. God is a superpower! He's one yet is three persons with three names. Can you name them? (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.)
8. Since the perfect world, God wants us to get along. Name things we can do to get along! (Consider each other, give up our way, appreciate each other's gifts and strengths, look for opportunities to live and play together, and commit to each other. It is a relationship-we stay in the church even if we don't like everything, we are welcoming and loving to people in the church and reach out to people outside. The church is a picture of relationship and getting along for the world to see.)

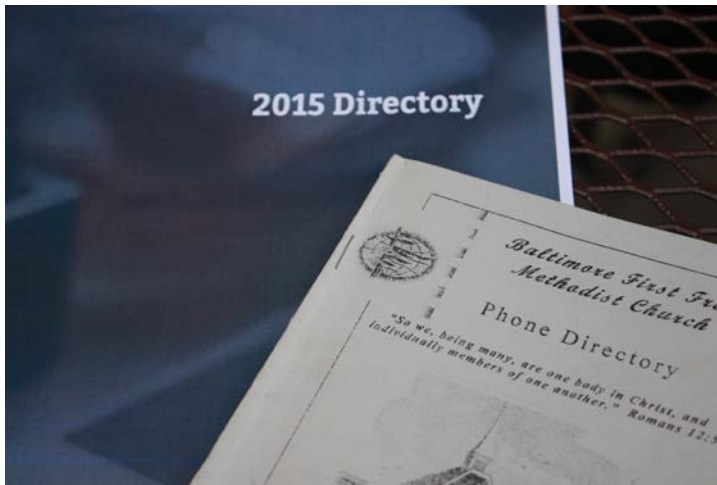
Activity:

1. Group activities. Make a collage, mural or torn tissue/paper project all together and hang it in your classroom or church for all to enjoy.



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2. Make a church directory including adults and children.



3. Make a game or activity for your church that you can enjoy playing together.



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EPISODE 11: LIFE AFTER LIFE

Theme: Jesus' Resurrection

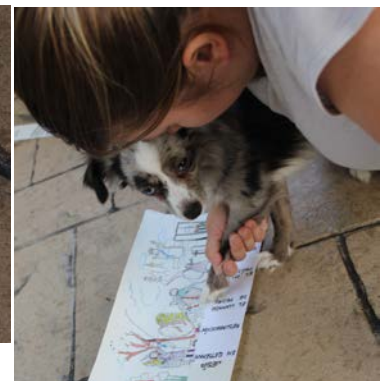
Biblical Reference: John 20

For Discussion:

1. Is there someone you love who died?
2. This episode is very encouraging. What is the only way to be right with God? (Through Jesus. Emphasize the exclusivity of Christ.) How do we get to heaven? (We follow Jesus closely in life and follow him in life after life.)
3. We believe in the resurrection of the body! What did we learn about a resurrected body? (Jesus' body is the only resurrected body so far and one day, Christians will be resurrected too. Jesus' resurrected body was the same but better. He could eat but could also go through walls. There was something familiar about Jesus that the disciples recognized after being with him for a while.)
4. What part of being resurrected do you imagine loving?
5. Jesus said, "As the Father sent me, I also send you." What do you think that means for you now?
6. Jesus defeated the biggest fear. What is that fear? (Death.) What does that mean for you and people you care about? (We have hope to live forever, if we follow Jesus in life.)
7. The Lord's prayers on your behalf may be all we need. Jesus prays specifically for you and not just you but everyone in the world. What do you want Jesus to pray for you about?

Activity:

1. You can draw a Well, Well, Well timeline on a piece of paper or roll of paper, like butcher paper. Uh Oh! I got so excited drawing, you'll notice I don't have the stories in order of the Episodes or in a timeline from history. See if you and your classmates can correct the timeline according to the Bible. (1. Creation 2. Noah 3. Abraham 4. Baby Moses (I omitted accidentally from sample) 5. Manna 6. Golden Calf 7. Naaman 8. Jesus 9. Peter 10. Prodigal Son 11. Resurrection 12. Paul 13. New Heaven and New Earth! Your drawing will help you remember the stories so you can tell them to your friends and family. Read it to your pet.



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2. In Isaiah 35: 8-10, there is a description of a Holy Road. It's like a *Well, Well, Well!* road. Draw a long picture or mural of this road! Be sure to begin with a perfect world, placing biblical principles with icons from stories in series, all the way to a perfect world in the New Heaven and New Earth! Draw it and enjoy living it.
3. Did you ever dream of flying? To enjoy thinking about heaven and adventures with the Lord one day, make paper airplanes and see how far they fly!



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EPIISODE 12: GOODNESS GRACIOUS

Theme: The Holy Spirit is our friend and our guide

Biblical Reference: Various scenes from Acts

For Discussion:

1. Guy Mann told the puppets he has a Helper. How does the Helper help? (Know what to say and the right way to say it.)
2. Pep Pep explained he may be alone sometimes but never lonely. Why is that? (When we invite Jesus in our life, God comes to live in us and never leaves us.)
3. In the Bible Story, Paul lived some hardships with the Holy Spirit's help. What kind of hardships? (Stoning and left for dead, snakebite, jail, shipwreck, beaten) And still, what was Paul grateful for? (That the Holy Spirit was always with him and didn't leave him alone, that he helped him make decisions and gave power to his words. The Holy Spirit works through pain and suffering too.)
4. Would you like to be full of God's good Spirit? He already wants to be your friend, all the time. All you have to do is accept God as your friend and you'll always have a good friend with you. Then listen to Him when he talks to you.
5. The Lord has those of us who love Him in strategic places. We pray the Holy Spirit will be activated in your life.

Activity:

1. Make a wristband or some reminder that has the word JOY on it. They had joy in all circumstances because the Holy Spirit was their Helper.

Note: Remember that the Living Lord adds to every one of your good investments in the children and family. Keep your eyes on the Prize and stay on course. These small details become a part of a very large good work of the Lord to live *Well, Well, Well!*

