I Want to Know You...The Attributes of God #22--God is Good

HOOK: Bring in a piece of bread and a rock. Ask the kids, "If you were hungry and asked for some food, which of these do you think your parents would give you? The bread or the rock?" (The bread.) What if you were sitting at the dinner table and asked for some meat? Would your parents give you a snake instead? NO! The Bible says that just as parents, who are not perfect, like to give good things to their children, God, who IS perfect, loves to give good gifts to those who ask Him. Today we're going to look at some ways God gave good things to those who cried out to Him.

BOOK: We have learned so much about God this year. Today we will learn that **God is Good** and because He is good, we are to give Him thanks. Psalm 107 tells of our Good God and how He brought help to His people who were in trouble. First, there were people wandering in the desert with no home and nowhere to go. They were sad, hungry and thirsty and they cried out to God. He came to their rescue! He gave them a home, satisfied their thirst and filled them with good things. Then there were people who had turned their backs on God. They became slaves and prisoners but they cried out to God in their distress and He gave them freedom, breaking their chains of slavery. Next, there were merchants who went out on the sea in ships. Great storms came and they were terrified, afraid for their lives. They didn't know what to do so they cried out to God. He calmed the storm, hushed the waves and guided their ships.

LOOK: In all of these examples, our Good God helped those who cried out to Him. Does this mean God will always give you exactly what you ask for? If you were sitting at the dinner table and asked your parents for three cupcakes to eat do you think they would let you have them? Probably not because they know it would not be good for you! You might even get sick. But if you asked for bread they would not give you a rock! God knows what is good, even better than we do, and we can trust His goodness.

TOOK: Remember, God loves to give good things to anyone who asks Him. What are some good things God has given you that you can thank Him for this week?

Bible Verse: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

Prayer: "We are so glad that You are a Good God and that Your love never ends. You listen to those who come to You and You delight in giving good gifts to Your children. Thank You! Amen."

The Attributes of God: GOOD



God is Good. In His goodness, He helped those who cried out to Him, taking care of them and giving them good things. He filled those who were hungry and satisfied their thirst. He broke the chains of prisoners, giving them freedom. He calmed the stormy seas and brought merchant ships safely to their destinations. Just like parents like to give good gifts to their children, God likes to provide good gifts to those who ask Him.



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Talk with your child about the many good gifts you and your family have received from God, including the gift of salvation. Then, have fun coming up with some ways you can bless someone else with a good gift. Perhaps make some cookies together and take a plate to a neighbor or draw a picture and take some flowers to someone who needs a little cheering up.



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