Galatians 5:22; Luke 10:30-37 Leader Devo

Teachers Dig In

Dig In to the Bible

- Read: Galatians 5:22; Luke 10:30-37
- In This Passage: Jesus tells a story known today as the parable of the good Samaritan. In it, he shares about a man who showed goodness by stopping to help an injured man, even when the religious leaders wouldn't stop to help.
- Bible Point: Goodness is a fruit of the Spirit.
- Summary Verse: "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!" (Galatians 5:22-23).

Dig Deeper

- You'll Be Teaching: *Goodness is a fruit of the Spirit. Goodness* can seem like kind of a neutral word. "How was school?" "Good." "How's dinner?" "Good." It's a word we typically use to indicate something is not especially noteworthy one way or the other. But God's goodness is so much more than just "fine" or average! God's goodness is a character quality that means he is *always* good. And he gives us the gift of overflowing his goodness!
- Think About: Who would you describe as good? Why?

Dig In to Prayer

- Ask God to help your kids grasp the full power of his goodness and to be filled with more and more of his goodness.

Quick Tip

- Evaluate the way you talk to kids about goodness. For example, do you use the phrases "Be good!" or "If you're good, you get to…"? While these phrases may seem innocuous, they indicate that goodness is all about trying harder. The truth is, goodness is a fruit of the Spirit. We're good when we're connected to God! Help your kids pursue *God* instead of *good*, and goodness will naturally follow.

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