

kindness

GOODNESS

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You can see God wherever you see love,
joy, peace, patience, **KINDNESS**,
GOODNESS, faithfulness, gentleness and
self control

Read Luke 19:1-10 (see page 2)

Jesus was good and kind to Zacchaeus yet the crowd complained that Jesus was mixing with a sinner and spending time at the house of Zacchaeus.

- Can you recall a time when you were upset at someone else's good fortune?
- How did it feel?
- Can you explain why you felt this way?
- Is it easier to point the finger than to help change a situation? Look at Matthew 7:1-5
- Why do we exclude some people?
- Who are the people in our society Jesus would be reaching out to?
- What could we do to reach out to these people?

People can change.
Zacchaeus changed.
Sometimes the best way to deal with a troublesome person or enemy is to become a friend.

We can follow Jesus' example by being good and kind to those people who are others may not like. This isn't always easy, but it should be our aim.

Word Search

There are 2 word searches for kindness and goodness (pages 3 and 4)
Looking at the different words:
What can you do to be kind?
What can you do to be good?

*If you try to be kind and good,
you will be blessed with life and
goodness and honour.*

Proverbs 21:21

Prayer

Jesus, we want to follow you,
wherever you lead.
Help us, this week,
to see others through your eyes
of kindness, mercy, and compassion.
Give us hearts that care
and help us to be good neighbours
to those around us.
Amen.

Being kind is being friendly, loving, thoughtful and considerate. Kind people seek to help others. Kindness and kind deeds come from those who are good. When I am kind I really see others around me and look for opportunities to serve them like Jesus.

Being good is living how Jesus lived. It is believing that you are not better than anyone else. It is being honest. It is showing care and love for other people.

God is working in you to help you want to do what pleases him. Then he gives you the power to do it. Philippians 2:13

When people do the wrong thing, we are often quick to criticize. There is an old saying that says before we criticize others, we should walk in their shoes. That means that we may not know what has been going on in their life to produce their behaviour.

To do: Walk in the shoes of other people in your household around your house. How easy is it to walk in someone else's shoes?

The man who didn't have any friends (none)

The story of Zacchaeus from Luke 19 - The Jesus Storybook Bible - Sally Lloyd-Jones

There was once a man who didn't have any friends (none). Do you have any friends? Well, of course you do. But not Zacchaeus. Poor Zacchaeus didn't have any.

You're probably wondering why. Was it because he was so short? (That's not a reason not to like someone.) Was it because he had a name that was hard to say? (Well, neither is that). Even though he was short and he did have a funny name, that wasn't it. No, people didn't like Zacchaeus because he stole their money.

Zacchaeus collected taxes (taxes were what people had to pay the king), but Zacchaeus took more than he was supposed to and kept the extra money for himself and made himself rich. Everyone knew what he was up to and it made them cross and grumpy. They didn't like Zacchaeus one bit.

So they made sure he knew it by doing things like avoiding him. And walking on the opposite side of the street. And pretending not to see him. And whispering things like, "There's that nobody who thinks he's a somebody!" loud enough so he could hear.

Anyway, one day, a huge crowd gathered by the road, Jesus was coming to their town and everyone wanted to see him. Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, too. But everyone was too tall. He tried jumping up and down, but that didn't work. He couldn't see a thing. Luckily, Zacchaeus had a good idea. "I'll climb that sycamore tree!" he said. So he did. (He was surprisingly good at climbing trees for a man who was so unusually short that he had to take a flying leap just to get into his chair in the morning.)

From the tree, Zacchaeus had the perfect view - all the way down the road. Another minute and suddenly Jesus was at the tree. He stopped and looked up. Zacchaeus saw Jesus. And Jesus saw Zacchaeus.

"Zacchaeus," Jesus said. "I'd like to come over to your house."

Zacchaeus almost fell out of the tree! Come over to his house? No one ever wants to come anywhere near his house, let alone inside it.

The people saw this and, needless to say, it made them even crosser and grumpier than usual. They mumbled and murmured and muttered, "Why is Jesus being kind to that big sinner? Doesn't Jesus know about him?"

Zacchaeus scrambled down and took Jesus to his house. He was in a big hurry because he didn't want Jesus to change his mind. Perhaps Jesus hadn't heard about him. Perhaps Jesus didn't know about how he had been stealing. And how no one liked him. And how he didn't have any friends.

But Jesus knew - he knew all about Zacchaeus and the stealing and everything - and he still loved him. Zacchaeus was ashamed. "Lord," he said, turning pale, "what I've done is wrong. But now I want to do the right thing. I will give the money back to everyone - four times what I stole!" And that's just what he did.

Jesus smiled. "My friend!" he said. "Today God has rescued you!"

Jesus loved Zacchaeus when nobody else did. He was Zacchaeus' friend, even when no one else was. Because Jesus was showing people what God's love was like - his wonder, Never Stopping, Never Giving up, Unbreaking, always and Forever Love.

Fruit of the Spirit - KINDNESS

R H O U V S P V J M K W Z E F E L S F J O S R F
V C U Q Q H O F P A D Z F Y R U L O O P B Y O C
S H K D T T E W A S Z A U I W A P L L N B E H O
R T X T L N M Y H T A P M Y S X A C J X P D D X
F W H O F S Z F U R E S E H B A T Q M R O T V U
Y K G O K M W P K P S H S B T J I T D L K V O B
M I L D N E S S M E C L L E D T E L H F W Y I C
H U N T A Y G Q N K L T M E N A N C V U W D I D
D V W D O Q I L I C E H P R I T C Q V A A M T C
Y K V O R K U Z N N S J I J Z J E G K X V S V Y
D K N D Q F M R D M F J C D M N P E X M O O S R
I W F G P I Z E T S U O I C A R G P W T U S O C
R K I L D I R M Y G D X I Q C Y M A M S E L I O
E M E I H N P E N O A E S H A Q R U T N Z G B Y
F H M G E A V Y Z A F H O I U Z I L E O E M G T
C L V S U N D E R S T A N D I N G L L F G C O X
O S S M E S M I D Y T E Z K I Y T X N T X N V S
L K U C O N S I D E R A T E B N U X R D Z S P S
G U I S V S B Q N D W O N B E L D R Z A D C J E
G Y L M J G J S J D G O I G B V D X Q F U D V N
E N V H O S P I T A L I T Y S C P K V A G J O D
E P O J F O R G O U O W M W X H F G C U A B B O
G K Y X N L U B Y J M I W S Z Y P J L Q E K M O
S O A S B C E V S O E J R J V L Q K I L R B S G

gracious	considerate	helpfulness	mildness
hospitality	sweetness	patience	understanding
gentleness	goodness	sympathy	tenderness

Goodness

T T J C T O L D G K S K Y T W D J Q J F D S S G
R C C O O X N B A N A H G H I H I X W I O E M P
E E G M L O D P A D C J M S K Z O K B O N E X R
D P T P E W T U W J R G S N E T T M T O R Z U B
E S Z A R W V N Y T I N A M U H U R M H E T F D
B E L S A T X T R W F R G W Y N F Z G C H F H U
E R O S N P Z S F S I C R A M X U I N K A O V Y
L B B I C A Q P J T C S L V C V S E O I M B Z G
I O I O E H X Z I E E O O Z L C I A R O U G L N
E D F N G U E M P A T H Y C D T E E I R R X Y I
V O Q E H M P T X U P H K Q A K N P Q U U H U D
E Y O F T B K A B Y J D F P A E K U T M T T E N
A L C A L L G L S H P A N P S J Q W H A R D B A
N H Y D E E M S I B W Q L S Y F J H P O N N M T
F V V C M V E H W D L J M K O I F M N T O C B S
A H P K P N O F F A T Q X Q Y P Y P X U I Y E R
X D W I D G N L X E H E M J D S C L Z T Z T U E
S Q S O R R V K F L K L D F D Y A X A V R P Y D
G P O Q Z N U Z F S D I Z T O I J H P E Q B E N
F G M G N I E R A H S M Z B F O T B S R N K S U
K Q F E K Q K J E T C S C Y T I R A H C C U L M
D I F F E R E N C E S A Q Q G U U Q W O N T P H
T H S S E N D N I K V P M R T B G O I W E F G D
L K U O Q C E U L A V Q E O M W N R W C S K G B

Acceptance

Differences

Humanity

Patience

Smile

Value

Believe

Empathy

Humble

Respect

Sympathy

Worthy

Charity

Faireness

Kindness

Sacrifice

Tolerance

Compassion

Goodness

Love

Understanding