# LARGE GROUP LESSON

#### **Bottom Line:**

God's goodness is greater than "good."

## **Objective:**

Kids will learn that "God's goodness is what we strive for."

## **Key Scripture:**

Genesis I & Matthew 5:21-26, Good from the Get-Go

## Introduction:

"Good Vibes" is a saying you've probably seen on a t-shirt or bumper sticker. Picture wavy bubble letters from the 1970's, flowers, and tie-dye. Hippies in this era were all about peace and love. That sounds pretty good, right? "Good vibes" is all about feeling good. What does that mean exactly?

In our context, we'll learn that good vibes are more than groovy times and flower power. It's not just a feeling. Being good according to the Bible isn't just the opposite of being bad. Being good comes straight from the One who is good – God! It is actions and behavior that come from our hearts when we grow closer to Jesus.

Let's dig into what the Bible has to say about being good. Did you know that the word "good" is introduced in the very first chapter of the Bible in Genesis? Let's read Genesis I and see how many times that word is mentioned.

#### Read: GENESIS I

How many did you count? There are seven times that God says something is good. With the last time being very good. As He created the world and the space around us, He looked at it and said it was good. God's definition of good is way more than we could ever imagine or create ourselves.

Being good has a different definition when it comes to our part. We will look at the New Testament and read Matthew 5 to find out more.

**Read:** MATTHEW 5:21-26



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