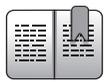


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WEEK 1: SNAPSHOT

TASTE AND SEE

DAY	TYPE OF LESSON	LESSON TITLE	SUPPLIES
Day 1	Bible Lesson	Israel and the Golden Calf	None
Day 2	Read-Aloud	Superkid Academy Worldwide: Germany	Images of Germany (Rhine River, Daniel Gabriel Fahrenheit, Heinrich Geissler, castles, Neuschwanstein Castle, Bavaria, Berlin, Brandenburg Gate, Cologne Cathedral, countryside, etc.)
Day 3	Giving Lesson	God's Partner	1 Set of interlocking plastic blocks or other toy building blocks, 1 Table
Day 4	Food Fun	Big Buckaroo Burger	Microwave oven, Microwave-safe plate, Potholder, Paper towels, Knife, Grill or pan to cook burgers, Hamburger patties (1 for each family member), 2 Pieces of bacon per burger, Mushrooms (sautéed), 1 Can of french-fried onion rings, 1 Slice of cheddar cheese per burger, Barbecue sauce, 2 Slices of Texas toast (extra thick bread, toasted on 1 side) per burger, Butter
Day 5	Game Time	Sandwich Cookie Whiteout	1 Table, 2 Packages of cream-filled sandwich cookies, 2 Plates, Upbeat music (optional)
Bonus	Activity Page	The Goodness Connection	1 Copy for each child

Lesson Introduction:

Our God is good!

We must be convinced of that fact, and we must communicate it to our children. God's goodness is the very first truth that Satan lied about and perverted in the Garden of Eden, and he still attempts to dim the importance of that truth today.

It's important for us—and our children—to accept God's goodness because the Word tells us that when we taste the Lord's goodness, we walk in THE BLESSING (Psalm 34:8). Our children will acquire a taste for the things of God if we make sure that God's goodness is communicated to them.

The easiest way to demonstrate God's goodness is this: Make sure you treat your children well so that you represent your heavenly Father well. Your children will see God and make decisions about Him based on the example set by you and other leaders in their lives (ex: pastors, teachers, coaches, friends' parents, etc.). Let your children taste how sweet God can be, and watch The Sweet Life become their life!

Love,

Commander Dana

Lesson Outline:

This week your children will learn about God’s goodness. Before you dive into teaching them about the fruit of the spirit, first help them understand how good and loving their heavenly Father is. If they want all that God has for them, aka “The Sweet Life,” then they must do a couple of things: 1) Get rid of evil behavior and 2) Hunger for God’s Word.

This week, begin to share these points with your children. Discuss them as you complete this week’s lessons and even in your everyday conversations.

I. GOD WANTS US TO TASTE AND SEE HOW GOOD HE IS

- a. The word *taste* means to “perceive, or recognize.”
- b. Developing a taste for God’s Word requires more than one daily “meal.” Joshua 1:8
- c. Trusting in God’s goodness brings “THE BLESSING.” Psalm 34:8

II. GET RID OF ALL EVIL BEHAVIOR 1 Peter 2:1

- a. Ungodly living messes up our ability to taste the good things of God.
- b. Worldly things leave a bad taste in our hearts, and a wrong memory in our minds.
- c. “The Sweet Life” lets us taste God’s goodness every day! Psalm 119:103

III. SUPERKIDS WHO HUNGER FOR GOD’S WORD GROW STRONG 1 Peter 2:2-3

- a. The good things of God are like an awesome meal for our spirits.
- b. After we taste something really good, we tell our friends how good it is!
- c. The more of our heavenly Father we “taste and see,” the hungrier we get!

Notes:



DAY 1: BIBLE LESSON

ISRAEL AND THE GOLDEN CALF



Memory Verse: *Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!*
—Psalm 34:8

(Corresponds with Lesson Outline No. II)

Even after the Lord freed them from slavery in Egypt, the children of Israel doubted Him and created a false idol in His place. This passage is a great reminder of how far we can move away from God when left to our own devices. God desires that we follow Him faithfully and remember The Sweet Life He has given us through His Son, Jesus.

Read Exodus 32:1-26, 29: *The Golden Calf*

When the people saw how long it was taking Moses to come back down the mountain, they gathered around Aaron. “Come on,” they said, “make us some gods who can lead us. We don’t know what happened to this fellow Moses, who brought us here from the land of Egypt.”

So Aaron said, “Take the gold rings from the ears of your wives and sons and daughters, and bring them to me.”

All the people took the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. Then Aaron took the gold, melted it down, and molded it into the shape of a calf. When the people saw it, they exclaimed, “O Israel, these are the gods who brought you out of the land of Egypt!”

Aaron saw how excited the people were, so he built an altar in front of the calf. Then he announced, “Tomorrow will be a festival to the Lord!”

The people got up early the next morning to sacrifice burnt offerings and peace offerings. After this, they celebrated with feasting and drinking, and they indulged in pagan revelry.

The Lord told Moses, “Quick! Go down the mountain! Your people whom you brought from the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves. How quickly they have turned away from the way I commanded them to live! They have melted down gold and made a calf, and they have bowed down and sacrificed to it. They are saying, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.’”

Then the Lord said, “I have seen how stubborn and rebellious these people are. Now leave me alone so my fierce anger can blaze against them, and I will destroy them. Then I will make you, Moses, into a great nation.”

But Moses tried to pacify the Lord his God. “O Lord!” he said. “Why are you so angry with your own people whom you brought from the land of Egypt with such great power and such a strong hand? Why let the Egyptians say, ‘Their God rescued them with the evil intention of slaughtering them in the mountains and wiping them from the face of the earth’? Turn away from your fierce anger. Change your mind about this terrible disaster you have threatened against your people! Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. You bound yourself with an oath to them, saying, ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars of heaven. And I

will give them all of this land that I have promised to your descendants, and they will possess it forever.”

So the Lord changed his mind about the terrible disaster he had threatened to bring on his people.

Then Moses turned and went down the mountain. He held in his hands the two stone tablets inscribed with the terms of the covenant. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. These tablets were God’s work; the words on them were written by God himself.

When Joshua heard the boisterous noise of the people shouting below them, he exclaimed to Moses, “It sounds like war in the camp!”

But Moses replied, “No, it’s not a shout of victory nor the wailing of defeat. I hear the sound of a celebration.”

When they came near the camp, Moses saw the calf and the dancing, and he burned with anger. He threw the stone tablets to the ground, smashing them at the foot of the mountain. He took the calf they had made and burned it. Then he ground it into powder, threw it into the water, and forced the people to drink it.

Finally, he turned to Aaron and demanded, “What did these people do to you to make you bring such terrible sin upon them?”

“Don’t get so upset, my lord,” Aaron replied. “You yourself know how evil these people are. They said to me, ‘Make us gods who will lead us. We don’t know what happened to this fellow Moses, who brought us here from the land of Egypt.’ So I told them, ‘Whoever has gold jewelry, take it off.’ When they brought it to me, I simply threw it into the fire—and out came this calf!”

Moses saw that Aaron had let the people get completely out of control, much to the amusement of their enemies. So he stood at the entrance to the camp and shouted, “All of you who are on the Lord’s side, come here and join me.” And all the Levites gathered around him....

Then Moses told the Levites, “Today you have ordained yourselves for the service of the Lord...you have earned a blessing.”

Discussion Questions:

1. What are three things that happened in this passage?

Answers will vary, but make sure your children understand the passage.

2. Why was God so angry that the Israelites had created a golden calf to worship?

God is the One, true God. He won’t share His people with any other so-called “gods” that are really just representations of His enemy, Satan. God wants us to taste and see (to perceive and recognize) how good He is and that ungodly living messes up our ability to taste the good things of God. He wants so much to BLESS His people and give them “The Sweet Life” that’s only available in Him! (See Lesson Outline No. I a-c, II a)

3. From what had God just delivered the children of Israel? Why?

He had just delivered them from slavery in Egypt. They were His people, and He loved them. He wanted to give them a better life.

4. Why do you think the people forgot what God had done for them?

There are several possible answers. Perhaps:



- They became distracted because Moses had been gone so long up on the mountain.
- They doubted God from the beginning.
- They wanted to have some “thing” to worship—something they could see—as opposed to their unseen, yet very real, God.

5. Read Hebrews 9:13-15:

Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a young cow could cleanse people’s bodies from ceremonial impurity. Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. That is why he is the one who mediates a new covenant between God and people, so that all who are called can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them. For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant.

6. How does this passage relate to what we read in this lesson?

When the Israelites sinned, they had to make atonement—“pay” for it—with the blood of an innocent animal. This was a picture of Jesus, who was to come, the sinless, innocent Lamb of God, whose blood was to be shed to pay for our sins. Under the new covenant, Jesus became the perfect sacrifice. His perfect blood was shed once and for all to pay for every sin—past, present and future. When we sin, we need to repent (turn away from it), ask God to forgive us, receive our forgiveness by faith, and then rejoice that Jesus’ blood washes us from it forever (1 John 1:9)!

(Parents, make sure your children understand that they don’t need to live in fear that God is mad at them or going to punish or harm them when they make mistakes. He loves them (John 17:23). Jesus took mankind’s punishment for sin so we could go free and be restored to the sweet fellowship God created us to have with our heavenly Father like Adam and Eve had in the Garden of Eden and Jesus has with the Father.)

7. How can we apply what we have learned from this passage to our own lives?

We should never forget all the good things—The Sweet Life—God has given us. We shouldn’t let anything become more important or distract us from Him. Ungodly living messes up our ability to taste the good things of God. (See Lesson Outline No. II a)

Notes:



DAY 2: READ-ALOUD

**SUPERKID ACADEMY
WORLDWIDE: GERMANY**



Suggested Time: 15 minutes



Key Scripture: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. –2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

Supplies: ■ Images of Germany (Rhine River, Daniel Gabriel Fahrenheit, Heinrich Geissler, castles, Neuschwanstein Castle, Bavaria, Berlin, Brandenburg Gate, Cologne Cathedral, countryside, etc.)

(Corresponds with Lesson Outline No. I, III)

Background:

In this version of the *Superkid Academy Home Bible Study*, we launch a new series, **Superkid Academy Worldwide**, exploring countries and people groups across the vast expanse of our planet. We will zoom in on fascinating aspects of culture and history, and most importantly, focus on how God is working within the hearts of people and transforming the places where they live.

Today, we explore Germany and follow our brave, and occasionally bumbling, news reporter, Steve Storyberg, as he explores the wonders of Germany, and meets two children who illustrate how God is working in the hearts of Superkids everywhere.

Story:

Our story begins with a roving reporter and his film crew. They're standing with a TV camera and equipment, nestled in the German countryside, surrounded by colorful trees and a small village. Birds are chirping, and a duck swims down a trickling river, as Steve's crew prepares to go LIVE:

"Steve, it's coming to *you* in 30 seconds," says Kathleen Connery, a smart-looking lady dressed in black, wearing headphones, holding a clipboard and looking intently at newsman Steve Storyberg.

"Ready to rock, roll and report!" says Steve, with a wink as he adjusts his microphone. Steve's red tie and dark suit stand out against the greens of the trees and bushes, his hair blowing a little in the breeze.

"Sound check!" calls out soundman George Lupas, looking down at his equipment while waiting for Steve's check.

"Let's see.... Wow, I sure am hungry! I wish I had a bologna and cheese sandwich," says Steve. Realizing that his friends are not laughing, he quickly continues. "I mean, testing one, two, three!"

"Good to go," George replies, giving a thumbs up.

Steve looks at the camera as the words appear across the teleprompter screen mounted in front of the lens. Kathleen points at him, indicating he's on, but Steve freezes. The lettering on the screen looks blurry, and



Steve suddenly realizes he left his glasses in his briefcase. But it's too late.

"Hello, I'm Steve Storyberg, and this is Superkid Academy Worldwide News, coming to you super LIVE from the super country of Germany!"

Steve squints, trying to read the teleprompter. Kathleen looks puzzled. But Steve pushes ahead. He has to. It's LIVE.

"Uh, this grape county..."

Alarmed, Kathleen mouths the words, "Great country."

"This great country is home for many amusing..."

"Amazing," whispers Kathleen.

"Amazing inventions. Inventions like..." Steve suddenly stares at Kathleen, who is holding out his glasses right in front of his face.

"Your glasses!" she says in a loud whisper. Steve smiles and puts them on.

"Inventions like...my glasses! I mean, inventions like movable type, invented by Johannes Gutenberg, who gave us the very first printed Bible in 1456."

Kathleen, George and cameraman Harrison Borg breathe a sigh of relief, all at the same time. Steve now continues with confidence...

"And how would we know exactly how cold or hot it is, if Daniel Gabriel Fahrenheit, a Dutch-German-Polish scientist, engineer and glass blower hadn't invented the thermometer? And what about Heinrich Geissler? He invented fluorescent lighting, helping us all to see the light! And, if you want to see the sights, the spectacular Neuschwanstein Castle nestled in Bavaria in the beautiful, snowy Alps, is a great place to start. Or, you could visit the famous Brandenburg Gate in Berlin and the Cologne Cathedral, the third tallest cathedral in the world that took over 600 years to build!"¹

A duck quacks in the distance.

"And what about sauerkraut?" Steve continues.

Kathleen and George glance at each other with confused looks as Steve departs from the script...again.

"That's right, sauerkraut, which I happen to love, with a nice fat hot dog. Ya' know, sauerkraut is actually finely cut cabbage with a strong, sour flavor that forms when bacteria ferments the sugars in the..."

Steve's lecture about sour cabbage is cut short when a group of excited children run past him, weaving in and out of the camera equipment, but being careful not to disturb anything. They brush by the surprised newsman and scamper over a wooden bridge, heading for an old-fashioned church across a grassy field.

"Wow, these kids must love sauerkraut as much as I do, folks!"

Kathleen points to the teleprompter, urging Steve to get back to the script. But then, something else happens. Two of the children stop, turn around and walk back toward Steve.

"Looks like I may get a super, LIVE interview, right here on the spot, ladies and gentlemen...well, hello there!"

1 "Cologne Cathedral," <http://www.colognecathedral.net>

The boy and girl look at Steve with blank expressions.

“Oh, wait, I know a little German. Good day! I mean, *Guten tag!*”

The children smile.

Steve fumbles with the mic, hitting it against his forehead, trying to think of more phrases. He begins counting in German, “*Ein, zwei, drei...*”

“Hi Steve,” the girl says, grinning. “We like your show. I’m Arnelle, and this is Bertram. We’re going to our new kids’ church. It’s really fun. Come and join us.”

Steve, rarely at a loss for words, is at a loss for words. “Uh, well, thank you, but I, well, I don’t know, uh, I...”

Suddenly, Kathleen steps in to rescue him, once again. Without her headphones and clipboard, and holding her own microphone, the seasoned newswoman takes over.

“Thank you, Steve. It’s clear to see that these children are part of something wonderful here in Germany, a church service just for kids. I can imagine it’s filled with stories and games, and probably some great snacks!”

“Speaking of tasty snacks,” begins Steve. But Kathleen jumps back in.

“American missionaries established this kids’ church program, and the results have been...”²

Now Steve jumps in. “Absolutely super! From what Bertram just told me, there are more than 40 children in his church now, whereas before, counting himself and Arnelle, there were only around seven. Very impressive!”

“Steve, you can see the excitement in their faces. You just know they’re learning more and more about Jesus, and how to live their lives for Him. And, they’re not afraid to tell their friends, even inviting newsmen they find on the way to church. How ‘bout that?”

“Well, right, that’s nice,” Steve adds, “but I think I’m a little too big to go to...”

“You can come as our guest,” says Bertram. “They have church for adults, too. Come on, let’s go! You’ll love it, Steve!”

They grab his hands and pull hard. Kathleen takes his mic.

“I’m Steve Storyberg, for Superkid Academy Worldwide News,” he says, almost stumbling over the wooden planks on the bridge, and struggling to keep up with them. “Say, I’m, uh, kinda hungry,” Steve blurts out. “I don’t suppose you have hot dogs...with ketchup...and sauerkraut?”

“It’s sauerkraut Saturday,” says Arnelle, “in your honor!”

“And there you have it, ladies and gentlemen,” Kathleen says, wrapping it up. “God is doing great things here in Germany, and all around the world.”

The duck quacks again.

“And from the look of things, I’d say everybody is happy. Filling in for Steve Sauerkraut—I mean, Storyberg—I’m Kathleen Connery, Superkid Academy Worldwide News.”

2 “Western Europe-Germany-Doris Kühn—A Children’s Ministry Transformed,” *Willow Creek Association, Global Leadership Summit* - International Stories, willowcreek.com/about/story.asp (7/10/2013).



Discussion Questions:

1. What did you learn about German inventions in this story?
2. What did you learn about how God is moving in Germany?
3. Tell about a time when you invited a friend to church.
4. If someone asked you to pray for children in Germany, what would you pray?
5. Have you ever tasted German food? Explain what you ate, where you ate it and what you thought of it!

Variation No. 1: Writing Assignment

For older children, assign a 1-2 page paper on Germany and what God is doing there. Have your children include:

- Key information about Germany
- Significant ministry outreaches happening within Germany and/or coming out of Germany to the rest of the world
- Famous Christian leaders and inventors from Germany
- Your children's recommendations for reaching the lost in Germany

Variation No. 2: Map Skills

Print a blank map of Germany from the Internet. Have your children mark the capital (Berlin), other large cities, major rivers, bordering countries and neighboring bodies of water. Ask them to trace the map several times throughout the week to help them remember and gain better understanding of Germany.

Variation No. 3: International Food

Visit a German restaurant or serve strudel one evening for dessert.

Notes:



DAY 3: GIVING LESSON

GOD'S PARTNER



Suggested Time: 10 minutes



Offering Scripture: [I thank my God] for your fellowship (your sympathetic cooperation and contributions and partnership) in advancing the good news.... –Philippians 1:5 AMP

Supplies: ■ 1 Set of interlocking plastic blocks or other toy building blocks, ■ 1 Table

(Corresponds with Lesson Outline No. I, III b)

Prior to Lesson:

Display the building blocks or interlocking plastic blocks on a table. Allow children to assist with the demonstration. They must work together, as a team, building a tower with the blocks.

Lesson Instructions:

Today, you will be working together to build a tower using the building blocks on the table. Let's see just how well you can build it!

As you build the tower, I'll read the giving scripture from Philippians 1:5 AMP. It says, "[I thank my God] for your fellowship (your sympathetic cooperation and contributions and partnership) in advancing the good news...." When we tell others the good news about Jesus, we are sharing about how good God is. We share with others how trusting in God's goodness brings THE BLESSING. After they taste how good He is, they'll want to tell their friends, too!

Just like you are working together, partnering with one another to build this tower, the Apostle Paul needed partners to help him share the good news of Jesus. Paul's partners believed in the power of spreading God's Word around the world and gave offerings to support his mission.

Let's see your progress. It's amazing what can be accomplished when people work together! Did you know the Lord still needs partners just like He did back when Paul was alive? That's right, and we can be those partners. You may be thinking, *How can I be a partner with God, I'm just a kid?* When we bring our offerings to God, we are partnering with Him, and allowing the gospel to be shared around the world. Let's prepare our offerings for this week's service so we can honor God with our giving.

Notes: _____



DAY 4: FOOD FUN

BIG BUCKAROO BURGER



Suggested Time: 10 minutes



Memory Verse: Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!
—Psalm 34:8



Recipe:

Ingredients: Hamburger patties (1 for each family member), 2 Pieces of bacon per burger,
 Mushrooms, sautéed, 1 Can of french-fried onion rings, 1 Slice of cheddar cheese per burger,
 Barbecue sauce, 2 Slices of Texas toast (extra-thick bread, toasted on 1 side) per burger, Butter

1. Season the hamburger patty with a little salt and pepper as desired. Grill or cook in a pan on the stove. Cover the hamburger with foil to prevent the meat from drying out until it's time to assemble the burger.
2. Cook bacon until crispy. Drain on paper towels and set aside.
3. Sauté thinly sliced mushrooms in a small amount of butter.
4. Place the hamburger patty on a microwave oven-safe plate; top with mushrooms and bacon. Place a cheddar cheese slice over the top and heat in the microwave oven until the cheese has melted. Remove the plate from the microwave using a potholder.
5. Prepare the bread by spreading barbecue sauce on the toasted side of the bread; enough to make it juicy, but not too much because it will make the bread soggy.
6. Place the hamburger patty on 1 piece of bread. Top the patty with onion rings. Place the "lid," or other piece of bread, on the burger. Cut the burger in half, if desired, to make it easier to eat.

Supplies: Microwave oven, Microwave-safe plate, Potholder, Paper towels, Knife, Grill or pan to cook burgers, Hamburger patties (1 for each family member), 2 Pieces of bacon per burger,
 Mushrooms, sautéed, 1 Can of french-fried onion rings, 1 Slice of cheddar cheese per burger,
 Barbecue sauce, 2 Slices of Texas toast (extra thick bread, toasted on 1 side) per burger, Butter

(Corresponds with Lesson Outline No. I, III)

Prior to Lesson:

This is an excellent lesson to do during dinner when the whole family is present. Allow your children to help with the meal preparations so they can get even more excited about eating what they've made. Allow your children to mold and season the hamburger patties, cook the bacon, mushrooms and toast, following the recipe above.

Lesson Instructions:

Today, we're making an "all-American" favorite dish: the hamburger. This is not just *any* hamburger, this is a "Big Buckaroo Burger"!

First of all, we'll take this nice, juicy hamburger patty and top it with a spoonful of yummy, sautéed mushrooms and a crispy piece of bacon. Now, let's cover it with a slice of delicious cheddar cheese. The next step is to pop it into the microwave oven until the cheese is nice and melted and the hamburger patty is nice and hot. For safety, we'll use a potholder to remove the plate from the microwave oven. Boy, does that smell good! Mmmmm!

It's time to complete the "Big Buckaroo Burger": Let's take two pieces of Texas toast and lay them on a clean plate.

Would you like barbecue sauce on your hamburger? If your answer is yes, then let's spread some barbecue sauce on each piece of Texas toast, but not too much because no one enjoys a soggy burger! OK, time to put the "Big Buckaroo Burger" together: Place the hamburger patty on one piece of Texas toast, pile it high with some onion rings, and then put the "lid" (other slice of toast) on top. Now, the best part—eating it!

Serve the hamburger, but tell children not to eat it until you instruct them to do so.

Would you like to take a bite of your "Big Buckaroo Burger"? Is it possible to know how delicious this burger really is just by hearing a description of how good it tastes? It would be best to taste the hamburger yourself to really know how good it is, right? Well that's exactly what Psalm 34:8 tells us about God. This verse says, "Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!" This scripture doesn't mean we need to take a big bite out of God! But the Bible is telling us that we shouldn't just stand around and watch others experience how good God is. He wants us to get a "taste" for ourselves. He wants each of us to know how much He loves and cares about us. You could say it like this: "God wants us to do our own taste test!" The more of our heavenly Father's goodness we "taste and see," the hungrier we get for Him. And, the more we hunger for Him and His Word, the stronger we get!

Now, who's ready to "taste" how good God is?

Variation—*Bon Appétit!*

Allow this lesson to be a jumping-off point for your family. If hamburgers are not the best choice for your family, consider making another family favorite like veggie burgers or homemade pizza. As long as you make the point that God's goodness needs to be personally experienced, the choice of food is yours. *Bon appétit!*

Notes:



DAY 5: GAME TIME

SANDWICH COOKIE WHITEOUT



Suggested Time: 10 minutes



Memory Verse: *Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!*
—Psalm 34:8

Supplies: ■ 1 Table, ■ 2 Packages of cream-filled sandwich cookies, ■ 2 Plates, ■ Upbeat music to play during the game (optional)

(Corresponds with Lesson Outline No. 1)

Prior to Game:

Place the plates on opposite sides of the table. Place 15 cookies on each plate. Choose 2 players to challenge each other in this game.

Game Instructions:

Players will challenge each other by twisting open the cookie and eating the filling from the middle of the sandwich cookie. The first player to eat the fillings from all 15 cookies is the whiteout winner!

Game Goal:

A fun activity that relates the goodness of God to enjoying a tasty treat!

Final Word:

Sandwich cookies sure are tasty, but God is even tastier! When we taste how good He is—how much He loves and cares for us—we want more of Him. Think I’m kidding? Check out Psalm 34:8: “Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!”

Notes: _____



ACTIVITY PAGE

THE GOODNESS CONNECTION



Memory Verse: Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!
—Psalm 34:8

(Corresponds with Lesson Outline No. 1)

This week, you've learned about God's goodness. Read what the Bible says about His goodness in these scriptures. Insert the word "good" or "goodness" in the blanks in order to complete the verse correctly.

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the _____ of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. Romans 8:28

How great is the _____ you have stored up for those who fear you. You lavish it on those who come to you for protection, blessing them before the watching world. Psalm 31:19

Surely your _____ and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:6

The Lord is _____ and does what is right; he shows the proper path to those who go astray. Psalm 25:8

The Lord is _____, a strong refuge when trouble comes. He is close to those who trust in him. Nahum 1:7

