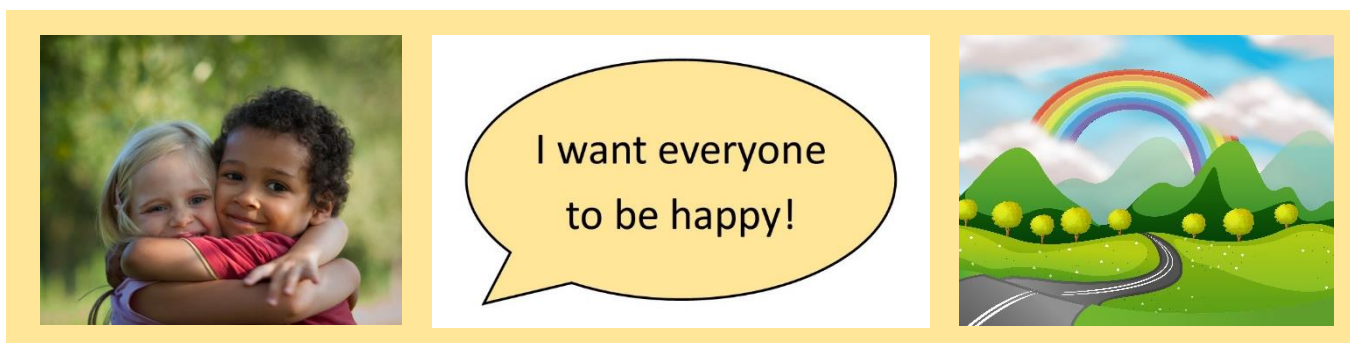


St. Mary's Wollaton Park
Online kids' church, Sunday 28th June 2020

Goodies or baddies?

We looked at characters from some stories and decided whether they were goodies or baddies. Which team would you expect to be kind, and which team might be mean? Who might say, "I want to get my own way"? Who might say, "I want everyone to be happy"? Who normally gets a happy ending and who ends up getting what they deserve?



We can be friends with God

If God had a team it would definitely be the goodies, because he is always good, loving and kind. Great news – we can join God's team and be his friends if we believe in Jesus!

Behaving like God's friends

If we have joined God's team and are his friends, we ought to be kind and loving like God, not selfish like the baddies. But sometimes we forget that we have joined God's team and we behave like his enemies!

Kate read from the Bible:

Do you know where your fights and arguments come from? They come from the selfish desires that war within you. You want things, but you do not have them. So you are ready to kill and are jealous of other people, but you still cannot get what you want. So you argue and fight. You do not get what you want, because you do not ask God. Or when you ask, you do not receive because the reason you ask is wrong. You want things so you can use them for your own pleasures.

(James 4:1-4 from the Bible, New Century Version)

Oh no! What should we do if we have been behaving like God's enemies? Don't worry, the next bit of the Bible tells us the answer:

So give yourselves completely to God. Stand against the devil, and the devil will run from you. Come near to God, and God will come near to you.

(James 4:7-8 from the Bible, New Century Version)

If we come near to God and say we are sorry, God will help us to remember that we are his friends, that he loves us, and that what he wants is better than what we want.

A prayer

We said thank you to God for making us his friends when we believed in Jesus. We said sorry for behaving like God's enemies sometimes when we are selfish. We asked God to always keep us close to him so we can keep being his friends forever.

A song

We sang I'm Gonna Clap My Hands by Vineyard Kids.

Things to do at home

- You could make a badge that says, "I am God's friend". You could cover an old badge with new paper and write on it, or use a sticker that you can write on.
- You could draw pictures of goodie and baddie teams that you have invented, or make up a story about goodies and baddies. What happens to them in the end?
- You could pray to God and ask him for help when you feel like fighting to get your way.
- You could listen to some songs:
City on a Hill by Nick & Becky Drake <https://youtu.be/ITEadEftdnM>
Every Step by Nick & Becky Drake https://youtu.be/nZBhKp5_HwE
Don't it Blow Your Mind by Dumbrocks <https://youtu.be/GzD-gGkV7Uo>
Because You First Loved Me by Sovereign Grace Kids <https://youtu.be/cFc2PFug0fk>
These are all on a YouTube playlist at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLdU24OqkUmI5QLrtdJGk8nsNvBaeKP0_K
- Don't miss this great new song which can't be saved on a YouTube playlist: Don't Forget to Remember by Ellie Holcomb <https://youtu.be/fNsoXsyeUE0>