

GOODNESS – Week 1 Script

Definition: A heart that reflects the excellent character of God

Verse: LUKE 6:45 (NLT) “A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.”

Finish Line: The excellent character of God deserves our praise!

Scriptures: Luke 19: 28-40 (Palm Sunday)

Characters

- Rock
- Ivan/Yvonne

At Home Stage Suggestions:

- Choose an open area as your stage. This would be a good one to do outside when the weather is nice!
- You’ll need a basket with candy in it for Ivan/Yvonne
- Don’t forget to add costumes! Rock could have a blanket or sheet over them and pop out from underneath it while singing. Ivan/Yvonne could have a white button up shirt or a jacket as a lab coat.

Helpful Hints:

- Stage directions (what the characters are supposed to do) are written in *ITALICS*
- Decide who will play each character. Since Rock is the teaching character, it might be a great role for a parent or older sibling to play!
- You can change the lines that mention specific kinds of candy to match whatever you have at home.

SFX: JOY! (You can check out the [music video](#) on Youtube. This is the song Rock is singing.)

Ivan/Yvonne comes onto the stage with a basket of candy... he's looking through his basket... not really paying attention.

Rock: (pops up and sings) I've got the JOY, JOY, JOY-OYYYY! (Then pops back down)

Ivan/Yvonne turns around and looks but doesn't see anything but the rock

Ivan/Yvonne: That was strange. I thought I heard something. Hmm... well, anyway, I'm pretty excited about this basket full of goodness, here. Mmmm Mmmmm Mmmmm. Let's see I have jelly beans...

Rock: (pops up and sings) I've got the LOVE, LOVE, LO-OOOOVE! (Then pops back down)

Ivan: (turns around again but just sees the rock) Now wait just a minute. I KNOW I heard something that time. I'm pretty sure I just heard singing, but there is nothing in this forest but a bunch of trees and grass and rocks and... (looking back at the basket) oh yeah, my basket! As I was saying this basket is full of goodness. I've got the jelly beans, Reese's peanut butter eggs – the BEST candy this time of year – oh, and PEEPS I love PEEPS. Let me see if I can find one to snack on. (still digging in basket)

Rock: (pops up and sings) I've got the LIFE, LIFE, LI-IIIIFE! (pops back down)

Ivan: (turns around and just sees the rock) Alright, maybe I've had too much sugary goodness, but if I didn't know any better, I would say that rock over there is singing. But, that's impossible. That couldn't happen. Rocks can't sing. Why would a rock sing? Weird... anyway, let me find those peeps!

Rock: (pops us and sings with the motions) I've got the JOY-OY-OYYYYY! 2-3-4! Down in my heart...Down in my heart... Down in my heart to stay... Down in my heart to staaaay!

This time Ivan sees the rock and stares in amazement, and the rock keeps bebopping around humming the joy song.

Ivan: Wait, did that just happen? (holds stomach) How many peeps have I eaten?

The rocks keeps dancing around stage humming, Ivan approaches carefully and taps the rock on the shoulder.

Ivan: Ummmm excuse me? Hello?

Rock: Oh, hello there! How are you? Isn't this a glorious day to enjoy God's beautiful creation?

Ivan: Well, yes, I guess so, but... I'm a little confused because I see you singing... and talking... and dancing...

Rock: MmmHmmm. (dancing waving arms humming)

Ivan: But... you are a rock.

Rock: Mmmhmmmm (*still distracted*)

Ivan: Yeah. Usually rocks just kind of sort of sit...or stay and don't usually talk or sing or dance.

Rock: (*finally paying attention*) I know, it's true, we usually remain silent, but my heart is just overflowing with the goodness of God, and if no one else is going to sing His praises, well then even a rock will cry out to sing praises to God.

Ivan: Overflowing with goodness, huh? Well I can sort of understand that because I have this basket here, and let me tell you, it is *overflowing* with goodness. Jelly beans, chocolate eggs... PEEPS! It's really just full of goodness.

Rock: Hmm... and where are you going with all that candy?

Ivan: Oh, I'm on the way to a laboratory. You see, I'm working for a bit of a mad scientist named, Dr. Skiffendorf, who asked me to gather some of my favorite Easter candy for an experiment. I'm pretty excited about it...

Rock: I see. Well, you do have some good candy there, but that's not the type of goodness, that I'm talking about.

Ivan: It's not? Well, then what are you talking about?

Rock: I am talking about goodness, as in one of the fruit of the Spirit.

Ivan: Like a fruit roll up?

Rock: No, a fruit of the Spirit is a character quality that God gives us through His Holy Spirit when we trust in Jesus to save us. **Goodness is a heart that reflects the excellent character of God.**

Ivan: Okay... but why are you singing?

Rock: **I am singing because the excellent character of God deserves our praise.**

Ivan: **The excellent character of God deserves our praise?**

Rock: That right! The Bible tells us a story about when Jesus, God's Son, rode into Jerusalem on a colt. There were many people on the road who had seen the miracles Jesus had performed, and they started shouting, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory to God in the highest!" But some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Those people are too loud, tell them to quiet down." And Jesus replied, "**I tell you the truth, if they keep quiet, the rocks will cry out!**"

Ivan: Oh... the rocks! Like you?!

Rock: Exactly! I can't just sit here and not cry out about the goodness of God because **the excellent character of God deserves our praise.**

Ivan: Woah.... you know what? There for a moment, I think I was more excited about the goodness of my candy than I was about the goodness of God. Which is why you needed to sing! I mean, this candy is good, and I am for sure excited about it, but it's still no comparison to the goodness of God.

In fact, *(looking up)* thanks, God, for fun treats, like candy! *(back to Rock)* Whew, thanks for the reminder, Mr./Ms. Rock! I can't wait to get to the lab to tell Dr. Skiffendorf all about this... about a singing, talking, dancing rock and about **the excellent character of God that deserves our praise.**

Rock: That's what I like to hear, Ivan! See ya later!

Ivan runs off stage, and rock follows dancing as lights fade and music starts

SFX: JOY!