

GOODNESS – Week 3 Skit

Definition: A heart that reflects the excellent character of God

Verse: “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.” LUKE 6:45

WEEK 3 FINISH LINE (4/18-19): We can trust God’s goodness

Other Scriptures: John 18-19 (Arrest, Trial, Crucifixion)

Characters

- Dr. Skiffandorf
- Ivan/Yvonne (Character first met in week 1)

At Home Stage Suggestions:

- Choose an open area as your stage. This would be a good one to do in your kitchen since the characters are working on science experiments.
- For props, you’ll need a basket with candy and glasses/bowls/utensils that could be science equipment.
- Don’t forget to add costumes! You could use white button up shirts or jackets as lab coats for Dr. Skiffandorf and Ivan/Yvonne and maybe some fake glasses which you can make out of pipe cleaners.

Helpful Hints:

- Stage directions (what the characters are supposed to do) are written in *ITALICS*
- Decide who will play each character. You could practice your crazy scientist laughs and let whoever has the best one play Dr. Skiffandorf.

Dr. Skiffandorf working on science experiments... possibly with colored water in beakers or something else fun for the kids

Dr. Skiffandorf: AAAAHHHHH HHHAAAA!! I think I have got it this time!

Ivan/Yvonne enters... running in, out of breath.

Ivan/Yvonne: Dr. *(large dramatic breaths)* Skiffandorf... I'm sorry I am late... It took my longer to do my homework than I thought... and I had to ride my bike over... and...

DS: Ivan/Yvonne. Stop wasting time talking and get over here to help me. Assist me... you are my ASSISTANT... that is why I hired you.

Ivan: Uh, sorry... Yes sir/ma'am. What are you working on today, Doc?

DS: If I can get this potion right... I will make everyone's Easter candy taste like smelly gym socks... MWAHAHAHAHA!!!

Ivan: What?! Make all the candy taste like smelly gym socks?! Why would you do that Dr. Skiffandorf. We've talked about this... remember when you poured potion into all of the water ways and made everyone in the city turn neon green for 5 days? Or when you sent mice into every school in the metroplex to scare the kids and teachers?! OR when you zapped all of the ants, so they were ginormous and as big as humans and everyone had to leave town for a month for the city to fix the giant ant problem?!

DS: Yes? Weren't those marvelous, spectacular, WONDDEERFFULL accomplishments?! There has never been an evil scientist quite as clever as me.

Ivan: No, Dr. Skiffandorf, you are missing the point... You said you would CHANGE and start helping me with GOOD experiments to HELP people instead of scaring them off or grossing them out?! That's why I went and got all of that Easter candy for you.

DS: I know, I know... but... *(overdramatic)* it just can't be done!

Ivan: What do you mean it can't be done?! We just have to come up with something good... to help people... to love them! Let's do some NICE experiments, not mean ones!

DS: Like I said, Ivan, it can't be done... I am who I am. I am an evil scientist. My heart can never be good... *(seems defeated)*

Ivan: Dr. Skiffandorf, you can never be GOOD on your own... but I know someone who can make your heart good. He can change anyone's heart... He changed mine!

DS: No... nobody can change the heart of an evil scientist who makes candy taste like smelly old gym socks.

Ivan: Yes... I know someone who CAN. And its perfect timing for me to tell you about Him. Easter just happened after all. Do you want to hear, Doctor?

DS: Ok, sure... why not? You know, I am getting kind of tired of thinking of mean experiments. Although, I did get an idea today to...

Ivan: Stop right there, Doc... let me tell you about someone who came to rescue ALL of our evil hearts. You see, Dr. Skiffendorf, we are all sinners. We all think, say, and do things that don't please or honor God. And our sin separates us from God because God is perfect and holy. He cannot be around sin.

DS: Oh, see! I knew it. There is no hope...

Ivan: BUT that's not the end of the story! God loved the world and each of us so much that He sent His one and only Son, Jesus to rescue us. He knew that we all needed a Savior, someone who would save our hearts from sin.

DS: Hmm. Well, what did this Jesus have to do to save us?

Ivan: He had to die. And He died on the cross for us.

DS: *(big gasp)* What! Why? That doesn't sound very good!

Ivan: Well, the payment for sin is death. We all deserve to die for our sins... But because we're not perfect, we can't give God a perfect sacrifice. So, Jesus paid the price for us. Oh, it absolutely was hard, but God's plan was for our good, and Jesus trusted His Father. Guess what! Three days later, Jesus beat death and came back to life!

DS: WHAT?! That's amazing... Ok, so wait... you're telling me that Jesus died for all of us... and that includes me, too?! An evil scientist like me?! Are you sure?

Ivan: Absolutely! **God is always working for our good and we can trust God's goodness.** We can't be good on our own, but when we believe in Jesus, God forgives us, and He begins making us more like Him. God gives us His goodness!!

DS: I can't believe it... **I can trust God's goodness.** And you say, God then gives me HIS goodness?

Ivan: Exactly. The Bible, the written word of God, says "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." All of us naturally have evil things in our heart because of our sin. But when God saves us by grace through faith in His son, Jesus, He gives us His goodness and helps us be more like Him!

DS: Fascinating! I can trust that God, in His goodness, sent His Son to die for me to save me and make me more like Him. I don't have to be evil... I can be *changed*... all thanks to Jesus! How do I believe, Ivan?!

Ivan: Well, the Bible tells us the answer! Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." God already did what was required by sending Jesus to die for us. So now you just have to admit you are a sinner...

DS: Oh, I am...

Ivan:believe that Jesus is God's son who died for your sins and then rose again three days later...

DS: Oh, I do!

Ivan: ...and ask God to forgive you and help you follow Him the rest of your life. That means you confess Jesus is Lord of your life. I will pray with you if you want, Dr. Skiffendorf.

DS: This is the best news I have ever heard! Yes... yes... let's pray, Ivan! Let's pray!

THE END!