

GOODNESS – Week 4 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 4 FINISH LINE (4/25-26): Our goodness is an overflow of God’s goodness to us

Other Scriptures: John 21:15-19 (Jesus forgiving Peter)

Characters

- Dr. Skiffandorf
- Dr. Wigglesworth

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 an empty glass, a larger glass (or measuring cup) full of water, and an empty bowl for the water to overflow into
- Don’t forget to add costumes! You could use white button up shirts or jackets as lab coats for Dr. Skiffandorf and Dr. Wigglesworth 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. Whoever played Dr. Skiffandorf last week could play him/her again this week or switch it up.

Scene Opens. Dr. Skiffandorf in lab, joyfully skipping around, singing "Better than the Best Thing" and doing the motions to the song while working on "good" experiments.

Dr. Skiffandorf: *(dancing/working)* Jesus you're better than the best thing....

Dr. Wigglesworth walks in without Dr. Skiffandorf seeing him... staring at Dr. S. in shock/disbelief.

Dr. Wigglesworth: Ahem...

Dr. Skiffandorf does not hear him/her over his music and dancing.

Wigglesworth: HELLOOOOO...

Skiffandorf: Oh my! Dr. Wigglesworth! Wow, well hey there, ol' friend. So good to see ya. Sorry, I was just busy working on my experiment and singing away!

Wigglesworth: I see. You seem, um, different, Doctor Skiffandorf.

Skiffandorf: I am! I am a new person, or a new creation as Paul would like to say. *(chuckling to self about Bible joke)*

Wigglesworth: Who is Paul? Ehh, never mind who Paul is... what are you working on?!

Skiffandorf: My very best experiment yet, Wigglesworth!!

Wigglesworth: Very best yet??? It can't possibly be better than making all of the Easter candy taste like dirty gym socks. That was better than any of my evil scientist ideas. How did that go by the way? I never heard.

Skiffandorf: You did not hear because I did not complete the experiment.

Wigglesworth: What?! You never quit on an evil experiment, Skiffandorf!

Skiffandorf: I know, but...

Wigglesworth: No, no need to explain to me. I know you must be embarrassed you didn't finish the best evil scientist idea ever. Too bad, but don't worry Dr. Skiffandorf, I've come to save the day. I have the best evil scientist idea ever... *(scheming)* and I need your help.

Skiffandorf: Dr. Wigglesworth, like I said, I am a new creation! I am different.

Wigglesworth: Uh yes. You are acting veryyy different from the evil scientist I've known for so long. But just listen to my idea, ok? Once you hear it you wont be able to say no! So, we are going to get skunk spray and put it in an airplane with a giant water hose. We will fly the airplane over the city, spraying the skunk smell, and then everyone plus all of the buildings in the whole city will smell like skunk for weeks! BWAAAHAAAAHA! They won't know what hit them. They will all have to take tomato juice baths to get rid of the smell, but it will be so strong, they cannot!!! BWAAAAHAHAHA.

Skiffandorf: What a terrible idea! That's not loving at all. Dr. Wigglesworth...

Wigglesworth: Loving? What do you mean loving?

Skiffandorf: Have you ever stopped to think about how we could use our scientific knowledge for GOOD?!

Wigglesworth: FOR GOOD?! YOU HAVE LOST YOUR MIND! Our hearts are evil, remember? We are *evil* scientists, Skiffandorf. Now, come on, shake out of it, and let's go find some skunks!

Skiffandorf: Dr. Wigglesworth, listen... You're right my heart is evil, and so is yours, because they're filled with sin, and there's nothing WE CAN DO to fix them and make them good.

Wigglesworth: I KNEW IT!

Skiffandorf: BUT, God has changed my heart... and he can change yours too! God loved us so much that He sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. But then, Jesus rose again 3 days later! He is alive! And we can have a relationship with Him. I do now, and you can too... You can trust Him and ask Him to forgive you!

Wigglesworth: Even if Jesus forgave me for my sins, Dr. Skiffandorf, I don't think that I would ever do GOOD things. Nor am I sure I would want to...

Skiffandorf: Well, that's the point, Dr. Wigglesworth. We can't do good on our own, we don't choose good things on our own. We will never be good if we just depend on ourselves. We need Jesus to help us.

Wigglesworth: So, you're not just reallllyyyy good all the time on your own now since you're all changed and a new creation, as you say?

Skiffandorf: No... **MY GOODNESS IS AN OVERFLOW OF GOD'S GOODNESS TO ME.**

Wigglesworth: An overflow of goodness? What do you mean?

Skiffandorf: Well there's a story in the Bible about a guy named Peter. He was one of Jesus' disciples and best friends. But when Jesus was about to die on the cross, Peter lied and said He didn't even know Jesus... and not just one time, either. He lied THREE TIMES!

Wigglesworth: So, this Peter was NOT good then...

Skiffandorf: Exactly. He still loved Jesus, but he wasn't good. But guess what? Remember how Jesus rose again after he died? He came back to His disciples, and he FORGAVE PETER! Can you believe it!? Jesus showed GOODNESS to Peter. And because Jesus showed goodness to Peter, Peter then wanted to show God's goodness to others!

Wigglesworth: Ahhh ... It's like a chain reaction? Peter's goodness came from Jesus being good to Him.

Skiffandorf: Precisely!

Wigglesworth: Like if I pour water in this empty beaker, (*sets empty glass in the bowl and starts pouring water into the glass*) it will eventually begin to overflow. (*water overflows into bowl*) But the empty beaker didn't make its own water, it was filled up by another beaker's water. And that is a picture of how when we accept God's forgiveness, He fills us up with HIS love and HIS goodness,

and then our hearts begin to overflow. (*realizing*) So... it's not OUR goodness, it's God's goodness to us AND in us...

Skiffandorf: Great Scott! I think you've got it!

Wigglesworth: I am going to ask God to forgive me for my sins too, Dr. Skiffandorf. And then we can let God's goodness overflow out of us onto others... in GOOD experiments!

Skiffandorf: A GOOD SCIENTIST TEAM! What an idea! Let's get started!

Both exit excitedly

THE END!