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Real IMPORTANT Information about Today's VBS

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VBS Kids Ready for Action!

Goodness – Kindness – Faithfulness To Be Shown by All

STATE COLLEGE, PA — “Please go ahead of me.” “Do you need some help?” “I’ll get that for you.” These were a few of the things which could be heard on the third day this year’s Vacation Bible School.

Students discussed the spiritual fruits of *Kindness and Goodness and Gentleness* and how they can grow these fruits in their daily lives and put these into action.

Local residents have been put on alert for HTOC kids who are “really nice.”

CAN KINDNESS REALLY BE RANDOM?

Kindness is love in action with velvet gloves on and it involves time and energy and interest on our part in others. Now kindness can be expensive as it can involve us in that which may be inconvenient for us. It really is an attitude of thoughtfulness and helpfulness that enables us to render gentle service to others in their time of need.

There was a phenomenon started several years and it is now a full-fledged foundation about performing *random* acts of kindness. The wonderful things which are suggested by the group (see below) are terrific but it is really us working with the Holy Spirit that makes them happen and God is not “random.” He is consistent and deliberate and with our cooperation and His guidance so shall we be also.

If you need some kindness ideas why not try some of these:

- Hold the door open for someone
- Give your dessert to a friend at lunch
- Send a “thank you” note to a policeman or a firefighter or your parents
- Light a candle in church for someone who is sick
- Eat lunch with someone new at school or work

GOODNESS – DO THE RIGHT THING

Today VBS participants learned that goodness is really a call to action. This fruit leads us to give of ourselves extravagantly in service to others and to doing what is right. It is something we can’t hide since it is an outward and energized expression. Jesus showed goodness when he cleansed the Temple and drove out those who were not honoring the Father (outwardly and energetically).

An example of goodness can be seen in the way different people help those in need — even in a simple offering of a glass of water to a thirsty passerby. One person may give the water because they should — they are obedient. Another person provides the water so they can feel good about themselves. But a person who gives the water with the strong and sincere desire to do the right thing is acting out of goodness.

YOU GOTTA HAVE FAITH!

If you looked in the dictionary, you would find a technical definition of faith stated as, “To follow through with a commitment regardless of difficulty.” Faithfulness is essential to the success of any faithfulness of their subjects. Public figures rise or fall deepening on the faithfulness of their supporting public. Officers in the armed forces depend upon the faithfulness of those who serve under them.

Faithfulness means that no matter what happens you will rejoice in the Lord. Maybe everything will go wrong. Maybe there is no job, no income, no house to live in; sickness comes, trials come, disappointment overwhelms, the bottom drops out, and everything is a mess. But no matter what, you will serve the Lord. This is the kind of faithfulness that God is asking for. This is the kind of faithfulness that God will bless