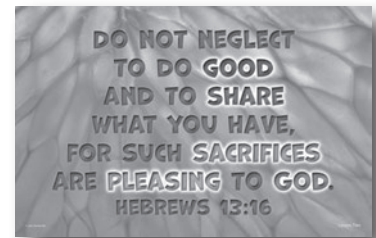


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LIVING A FRUIT FULL LIFE

- Explore how we can share *Kindness* and *Goodness*.
- Discover how we can follow Jesus' example.

A. Before class, put the *Memory Verse Poster* for Lesson Two on the wall. Direct your students' attention to the poster, and introduce the memory verse for Lesson Two. "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God," (Hebrews 13:16). **Hebrews 13:16 tells us that God is pleased when we are good and kind to others. The verse compares the acts of doing good and sharing to a sacrifice. A sacrifice was a method of worshiping God. A person would select his best lamb, calf, or some other possession and burn it on an altar as a sacrifice to God. By using this comparison, Hebrews 13:16 teaches us that when we are kind and good to others, we are giving God our best and presenting our lives in worship to Him.**



B. Have students turn to page 5 in their *Fairground Guide* to the section titled, "Fruit Full." They will find three partial statements that they will complete as you instruct them. Once completed, these statements will show what living a **Fruit Full** life, a life filled with kindness and goodness, should look like. As a class, look up and read aloud each verse, then discuss the verses.

When we are kind and good, we will...

- **Care about the needs of others.**

Philippians 2:4; Colossians 3:12-13; Galatians 6:2

Just as Jesus had compassion on the leper, we should also have compassion for those who are in need. When we are filled with goodness and kindness, we will not turn a blind eye to the needs of others but will care about their needs.

- **Care about everyone.**

Matthew 5:44; Luke 14:12-14; Galatians 6:10

Jesus helped everyone. Rich or poor, Jew or Samaritan, man or woman, Jesus treated each and every person He met with kindness. The Gospels are filled with story after story telling us of the many times Jesus stopped to help someone in need. When we are filled with goodness and kindness, we will not show favoritism in our generosity, because we will not be concerned with what we receive in return.

- **Care enough to take action.**

James 2:15-16; 1 John 3:17-18

Jesus did more than merely care about the leper. First, He reached out His hand and gave the man the physical touch he probably had not experienced in a long time. Then He followed through by healing the man of his leprosy. Of course, today we do not have healing powers as Jesus did, but it still is not enough to merely "feel sorry" for those in need. When we are filled with goodness and kindness, we will put our compassion into action.

C. On page 8 of the *Student Book*, you will find the inside of the *Fruit Full Trading Cards*. **This is a space for you to reflect on your own Fruit Full-ness. Write down your thoughts about how well you are producing the fruit listed on that card. How could you do better?**



When students have finished writing down their thoughts, they can cut out each *Fruit Full Trading Card*, fold them so that the definition and Memory Verse are on the outside, and use a paper clip to keep their Trading Cards closed. They can keep their Trading Cards in an envelope taped to the inside front cover of their *Fairground Guide*.

