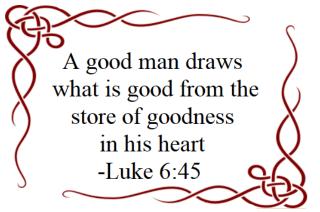
"Store Goodness in Heart." Children's Liturgy Activity February 27th, 2022





Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

In the gospel this week, Jesus is telling a parable to his disciples. Jesus often uses parables to make his friends understand about a truth easily. Parables reveals secrets of heaven very simply using things of daily life.

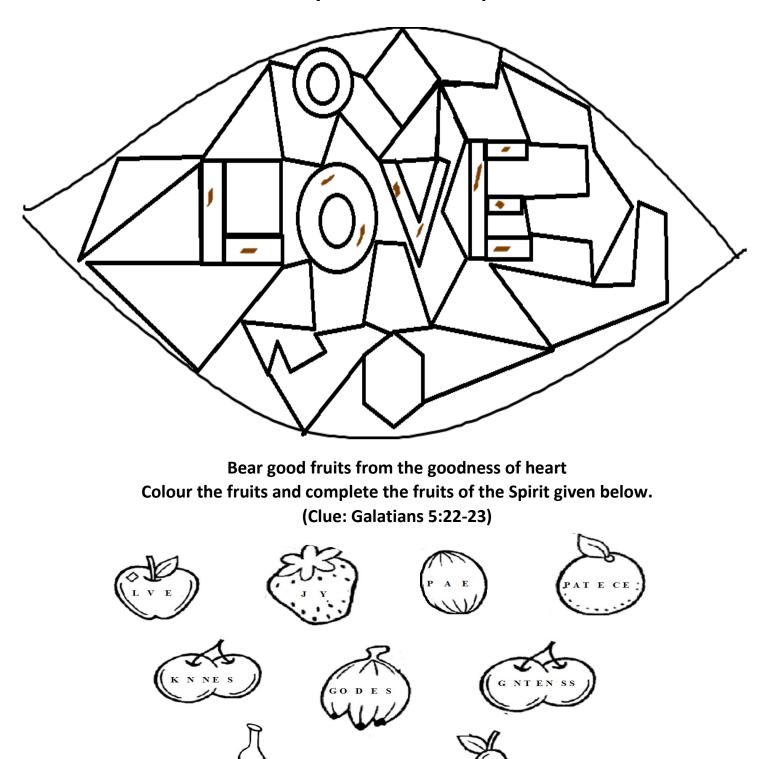
Jesus was asking, 'Can one blind man guide another? If both are blind, surely both will fall into a pit. The disciples cannot be superior to teacher. Even a fully trained disciple will only be like his teacher. The disciples are all called to be like Jesus, the teacher and lead many others to the truth. But in order to get to that level, firstly they have to be fully trained in such a way that they are no longer blind and but have received light by removing all the blocks that distorts their clear vision.

To make them understand Jesus is using a comparison. Jesus says that, if there is a big plank in your own eyes, how can you see clearly to remove the splinter of your brother eyes? First you have to remove the plank of your eyes that distorts our vision to remove the splinter of brother's eyes. We are happy to point out a dozen sins in the life of someone else than to take an honest look at the sin in our own life. By saying this Jesus is meaning that when there is so many sins and ignorance in our own life, how are we able to make others correct? First, we must ourselves receive light of truth and decide to change according to what Jesus is revealing to us in order to help others and lead others to the way of truth. If we have not received the light of truth or if we are not ready to walk in the light, how can we let others do so? Let us examine ourselves, what are the planks in our eyes that distorts our vision and blocks the light of truth into us? Let us accept our shortcomings and be ready to be corrected.

Jesus says that every tree can be told by its own fruit: a good tree cannot produce bad fruits, nor a bad tree can produce good fruits. By this parable, Jesus is revealing to his disciples that, a person's actions or way of living indicates what type of man is he/she. A good person cannot live causing bad effects to others. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.' The words we speak out is a good indicator of what we are filling in our hearts. Jesus asks us through this parable to fill our hearts with goodness so that our actions, words, way of living and the way we deal with others comes forth from the goodness. Let us examine ourselves, with what are we filling our hearts?

How does our heart gets filled in? Our senses are the doorways through which we fill our heart. So, what we see, hear, read, what we touch, and smell fills in our heart. What fills in our heart builds our personality and the types of fruits we bear. Jesus has shown us the way of truth by his life through the Gospel. He wants us to remain in Him and fill our hearts with the living word and live in holy spirit, our helper who helps us to bear fruits of spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, self-control, gentleness and faithfulness. Let us remain in Jesus, fill in his light, being more and more like him each moment bearing good fruits to be his light for the world. Let us 'Be imitators of Christ.'

Can you find the planks in the eyes given? Colour all the boxes containing the planks to make the vision clear? What revealed in the eyes when all the planks were removed?



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Make a heart pouch hanger and fill the heart with Goodness of Jesus.

Materials required: Two paper plates, colours, puncher, string, glue

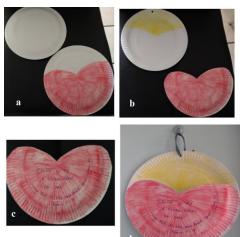
Method: 1. Take the two paper plates. Keep the serving part up for paper plate 1 and reverse down the paper plate 2.

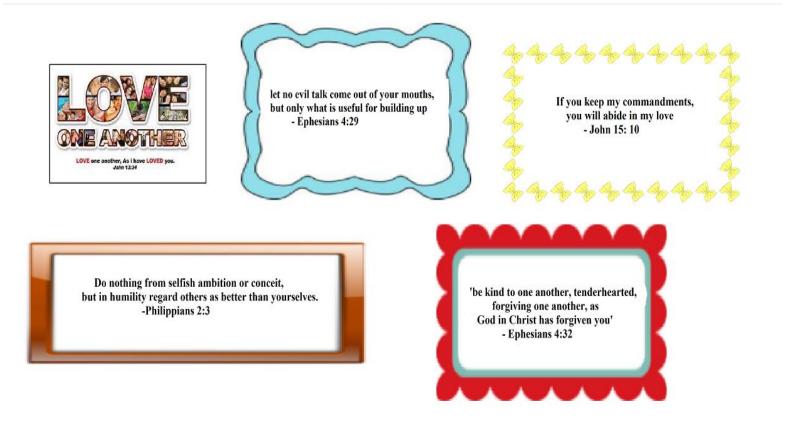
2. Colour a heart shape on the reversed paper plate 2 as shown in the picture and write the verses Psalms 51:10 on it.

Cut out the heart shape and place it on the paper plate 1 to colour the exposed part of it with yellow as shown in the picture.
Punch a hole in the paper plate 1 as shown in the picture.

5. Glue paper plate 2 on paper plate 1 to make your heart pouch 6.Cut out the living word, learn it and fill it- one each day. 5 verses are given for you to fill in for getting started.

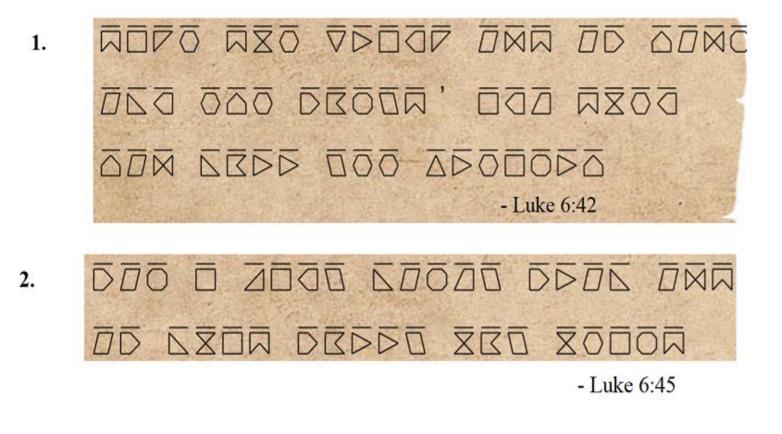
7. Hang it on the wall and fill it. Fill the heart with goodness from Jesus each day. Learn one verses each day and fill it in the heart pouch.

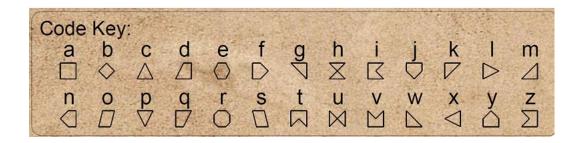




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Can you decode the verses given below?





Let us pray, 🦫

Dear Lord Jesus, we thank you for lighting up our eyes by your life. Give us grace to abide in you and fill our heart with your living word so that we always bear good fruits by the power of your Holy spirit. Jesus, you are our teacher ,the way ,the truth and the life, train us to be just like you so that we are able to be the bearers of your eternal light to the whole world and lead many to your light of eternal life. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.