



BEING GOOD



PREPARATION

- + Service Sheet outline or slide presentation with songs, prayers...
- + 'Bee Good' Picture:
 - ▶ black paper or card
 - ▶ yellow paper pre-cut for heads and bodies of bee
 - ▶ yellow paper to draw around children's hands for wings
 - ▶ black paint
 - ▶ wiggly eyes
 - ▶ pipe cleaners
 - ▶ scissors
 - ▶ glue
 - ▶ pre-printed words 'I am trying to Bee Good'
- + Time Out Bottles:
 - ▶ small plastic bottle
 - ▶ water
 - ▶ glitter glue
 - ▶ glitter
- + A variety of musical instruments

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

Helping children to understand about right and wrong is an important part of their early years development, but not always an easy task! It would appear that they are much more adept at doing wrong than they are at doing right – so much like the rest of us!

Teaching them manners and helping them learn good behaviour takes time and effort, and often parents get very frustrated in the process – especially when it appears that everyone else's child is 'perfect'.

God is good – in fact he is perfect – and he wants that we would try to live a good life in his likeness. But he understands that this is not possible in our own strength, and so has given us his Holy Spirit to help and guide us. When we are tempted to do wrong, then we can pray and ask for his help. However, it is important to remember that nothing we do – whether right or wrong – changes how much God loves us.

WELCOME

Welcome Song – select from the Song Bank

BIBLE READING/THOUGHT

Practise with the children these actions: if something is good they should put their thumbs up, and if it is not good they should put their thumbs down. Now read the following statements and get the children to do the Thumbs-Up/Thumbs-Down actions for what they think is the right answer:

- * I should always say 'Please' when I ask for something (*Thumbs Up*)
- * It is alright to make a mess with my toys (*Thumbs Down*)
- * It is good to smile at people and say 'Hello' (*Thumbs Up*)
- * I don't have to say 'Thank you' if I don't feel like it (*Thumbs Down*)
- * It is always good to share and play nicely with my friends (*Thumbs Up*)

God wants us to be good, but he understands that being good all of the time is not easy for us. If we are feeling grumpy or tired we can ask God to help us be good, and to remember to say 'Sorry' to him and to our family.



‘You must be good in every way, as your Father in heaven is good in every way’

MATTHEW 5:48 WORLDWIDE ENGLISH TRANSLATION

‘But if we confess our sins to God, he will keep his promise and do what is right: he will forgive us our sins and purify us from all our wrongdoing.’

1 JOHN 1:9 GNB



THEME SONG

‘I Am Trying To Be Good’

Tune: ‘Twinkle, Twinkle’

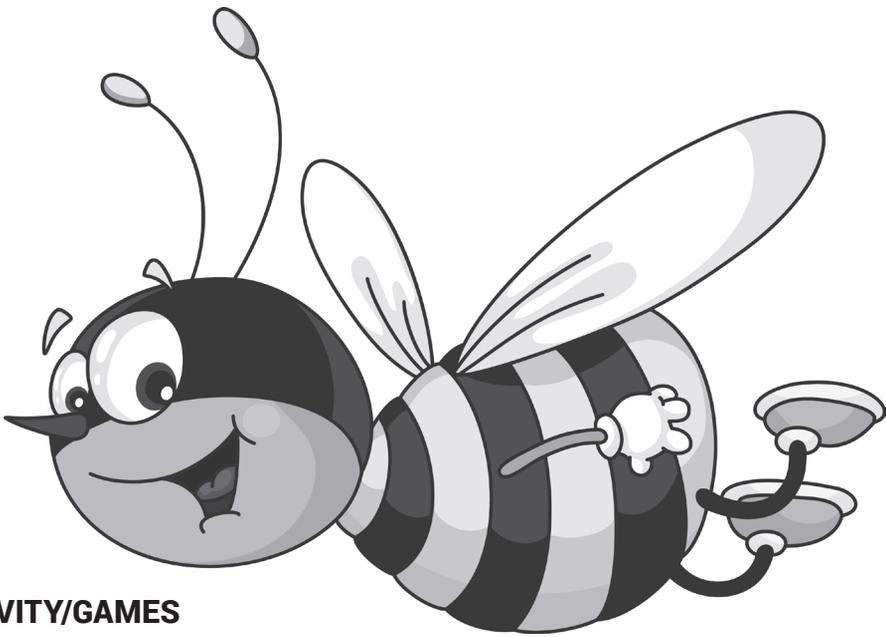
I am trying to be good,
Do the things I know I should.
‘Please’ and ‘thank you’ I must say,
Tidy all my toys away.
God will help me to be good,
Do the things I know I should.

PRAYER

Dear Lord,

Thank you for loving us even when we do things wrong.
Help us to be good and to choose what is right.
Help us to remember to say ‘Sorry’ when we do things wrong.

Amen.



ACTIVITY/GAMES

1. 'Bee Good' Picture

- ▶ Stick on to the black paper the pre-cut head and body for the bee.
- ▶ Use black paint to add the stripes for the bee – this can be done with a brush or printed using the side of the child's hand.
- ▶ Draw around the child's hands on yellow paper and cut them out to make the bee's wings. Stick them on.
- ▶ Add wiggly eyes and pieces of pipe cleaner for the antennae.
- ▶ Stick to the bottom pre-printed or written words saying 'I am trying to Bee Good'.

2. Time-out Bottles

- ▶ Fill a small plastic bottle $\frac{3}{4}$ full with water and then add glitter glue and glitter.
- ▶ Make sure the lid is secured tightly to prevent leaking.
- ▶ Shake the bottle to watch the glitter fall.
- ▶ Suggest to families that these can be used to help children calm down when they are anxious or upset.

3. For other ideas see www.pinterest.com/AFMYorkshire/being-good

INSTRUMENT SONGS

Select from the Song Bank.

ADDITIONAL SONGS

- ♪ 'God is good to me!'
- ♪ *FMSB 130* 'O! O! O! How good is the Lord'

CLOSING

Closing Song or Prayer – select from resources