

ANCHORED | UNDERSTANDING GOODNESS

Lesson 2: Goodness and Holiness



Dear Parents,

Hello! I wanted to remind you about the study we're doing that focuses on helping students remain steady in the face of adversity, and encourage them grow deeper in their relationship with God. This Bible study is called *Anchored: Sure and Steadfast*, and this week is the second of a three lesson unit called *Understanding Goodness*. The lesson was entitled "Goodness and Holiness." Like goodness, there is no holiness apart from God. It is only by His work that we can speak and act in holy ways. But the problem we have with understanding holiness is similar to what we find to be "good." It comes down to our perspective and a lack of understanding of what God says. This lesson challenged students to recognize what true holiness is and that it is unattainable without God.

LESSON OVERVIEW: The world continues to use different ways to convince students that goodness and holiness can exist apart from God and that these words can be defined through human wisdom. Understanding goodness and holiness is vital for students who are growing up in an increasingly confusing world. Not only do we need God to help us define goodness and holiness, but it is only through Him that either can be present in our words and actions. Throughout this lesson, students will develop a better understanding of who God is and why He calls us to be holy as He is holy.

WHAT WE WANT YOUR STUDENT TO LEARN: That holiness, like goodness, is received from God and not able to be achieved by man alone.

WHAT WE WANT YOUR STUDENT TO DO WITH WHAT THEY'VE LEARNED: Strive to live as a people who are sacred and set apart, knowing that true holiness comes from following God and His ways.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES WE STUDIED: Exodus 15:11, Romans 6:5-7, Ezekiel 38:23, Revelation 15:4, Leviticus 20:26, Ephesians 2:8-9, 2 Timothy 2:21-22.

Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.

Next Steps . . .

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your student, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- What was your Anchor Statement for this week? (Answer: God's people are called to be holy as God is holy. Pursuing holiness means pursuing every aspect of God's character and imitating it in our own life.)
- How can I help you understand God's holiness better?
- In what ways are you challenged by God's calling for His people to live set apart?

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your teenager, and they desperately need you. I'm praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don't hesitate to let me know.