



## GOD YOU ARE GOOD

### FAITH-BASED ASSEMBLY



#### Aims

- To understand that Christians believe that God is good
- To reflect on the good things we say, think and do



#### Bible verses

[Jesus said] 'Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.'

(Mark 10:18 ICB)

[Lord] 'You are good, and what you do is good'

(Psalm 119:68 ICB)



#### Resources

- PowerPoint presentation
- 'God You Are Good' audio file (optional)
- 'God You Are Good' video
- God you are good bookmarks - includes non-faith versions



#### INTRODUCTION

##### Slide 1 - Welcome

*Introduce yourself and welcome pupils to assembly.*



##### Slide 2 - Good

What is ... good? What do we mean when we use the word 'good'? There are so many ways 'good' can be used to describe things. So, what things do you consider are ... good? *Take a variety of responses.*

*You may wish to structure responses to certain themes, eg:*

- What is good to eat?
- What is good to play?
- What feels good?
- What can you say that is good?
- What can we do that is good?

What a lot of ways we can use the word good! Good ... - and there's another one!





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Perhaps we overuse the word 'good'. Instead of using 'good', perhaps we really mean another word - a different describing word, an alternative adjective. Perhaps when we really mean (*adapt the phrasing to reflect some of the pupils' previous responses*):

- *Chocolate* is yummy to eat
- *Football* is exhilarating to play
- *Warm blankets* feel really cosy
- We say things that are kind and considerate
- We do things that show we care and are compassionate

## MAIN TALK



### Slide 3 - Good people?

We sometimes describe people as being 'good'. This can be a really difficult description to live up to, because we all do good things and say good things and have good thoughts. And yet we all sometimes do things that are not good, or say things that are not good, or have thoughts that are not good. Being good can be hard.



### Slide 4 - Christian perspective (1)

For Christians, many describe Jesus as being good. Jesus did lots of good things and he said lots of good things and he thought lots of good things. But in the Bible, we learn that even Jesus didn't agree that he should be described as being 'good'.

**'Why do you call me good? No one is good except ...'**

Who do you think Jesus was talking about? Who might Jesus describe as being truly and totally good? *Take a variety of responses.*



### Slide 5 - Christian perspective (2)

**'Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.'**

(Mark 10:18 ICB)

Jesus describes God as being good. Good. Completely and utterly good.



### Slide 6 - Salvation Army perspective

The Salvation Army is a Christian church and a charity and is at work in more than 130 countries. In The Salvation Army in Uganda, Africa, the children have a chant which they often use in their lessons and when they





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meet for worship. It goes like this: 'God is good - all the time - all the time - God is good!' Invite the children to join you and repeat several times.



## Slides 7 - Listen

Listen to this song called 'God You Are Good'. *You can choose to play either the [audio file](#) or the [lyric video](#).* It was written by people in The Salvation Army, a Christian church and charity. When you listen to the lyrics, what do you think it is telling you about what Christians believe about God? Why do you think they describe God as being good? *Play the song and take a few responses afterwards.*



## Slide 8 - God is good

Christians learn about how good God is by reading the Bible. In the Bible, in the Book of Psalms, it says,

**'You are good, and what you do is good'**

(Psalm 119:68 ICB)

That's another way of saying, 'God is good - all the time - all the time - God is good!' Let's take a moment to think about this.

### Christians believe ...

We've talked a lot about 'good' today, and how we might really mean other words instead. But for Christians, they really do mean it. For them God is good, in every meaning of the word. God is fully and properly and totally good. And everything he does is good. Wow!

Christians believe that God is good because God is love. They believe that God loves everyone. They believe that God's love is limitless. When we say and do and think good things - God loves us. And when we say and do and think things which are not so good - God still loves us.

Accepting God's love is a big part of being a Christian. Some people find that accepting God's love helps to change their own heart. As they learn more and more about God, being wrapped in God's limitless love helps them to say and do and think the sorts of things which make God happy.

## REFLECTION

### Slide 9 - Reflection

Take a moment to think about what 'good' means to you. *Pause for a few moments for pupils to reflect.*





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## SONG

### Slide 9 - Song

You've heard this song already, but now let's sing it together!

*Play the song 'God You Are Good' and encourage the pupils to sing along.*

### Slide 10 - Goodbye

*Thank the pupils and staff for letting you be a part of their assembly.*

*You may wish to give pupils a bookmark (or a bundle of bookmarks to each teacher) as they leave.*

*Play the song 'God You Are Good' as pupils leave.*

