

Chapter 6 Activity: Recognizing God’s Goodness

Have you ever noticed how news reports often feature bad news: natural disasters, crime, accidents, and so on? Even in your own life, you may sometimes feel like there’s bad news all around. But the reality is that despite the challenges we all face and the negative events we might experience, the world is filled with God’s goodness. On the lines below, list three examples of God’s goodness in the world around you. Tell how each enriches your life.

God’s Goodness in the World	How This Makes My Life Better
1. _____ _____	_____
2. _____ _____	_____
3. _____ _____	_____

People of Faith

Saint Francis of Assisi is known for his life of holiness and devotion to God. He is also known for the prayer for peace, called the “Prayer of Saint Francis.” Quietly and reflectively, read the words of the prayer below. Choose two lines of the prayer and describe an example of how you might live each one in your everyday life.

Prayer lines I can live in my own life:

How I can live them:

Prayer of Saint Francis

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be
consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

