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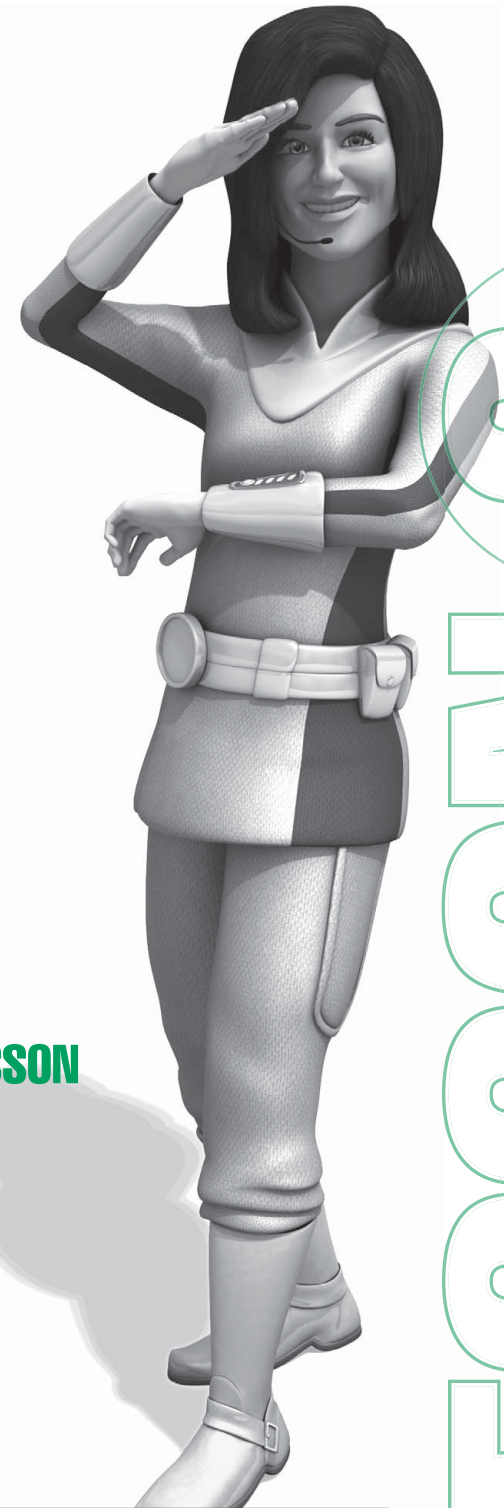

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Acts 10:38

# GAME TIME LICORICE LAUNCH

**Time Required:** 10 minutes

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**Teacher Tip:** For safety, it's important to talk with kids and parents to prescreen for food allergies, if choosing to allow the Cadets to partake in sampling the food items.

**Supplies:** ☐ 14 Licorice super ropes (Or enough for each Cadet), ☐ 4 Colored buckets, ☐ Disposable plastic tarp ☐ Upbeat music to play during the game

## Prior to Game:

- Create a "launch line" with masking tape, cones or a licorice rope.
- Spread the tarp over the "landing" area.
- Place buckets in various locations on the "landing" area, for each contestant.

## Game Instructions:

- Choose four contestants to line up side by side at the "launch line," each holding a licorice rope. The contestants will face the "landing" area.
- Each contestant will have a bucket as his/her target.
- When music begins, each contestant will bite off a piece of licorice and "launch" it into his/her respective bucket.
- Each time a piece of licorice lands in a bucket, have spectators shout, "Oh my goodness!"
- The Cadet with the most pieces of licorice in his/her bucket wins. Reward winners with their own licorice rope to enjoy!

## Final Word:

"Wow, Cadets, you really made that licorice go a long way! Goodness is like that. It can go further than we think it will. Licorice can be really good, but God's goodness, working through us, is even better and longer lasting than a licorice rope!" Remind the Superkids that if Jesus went around doing good, we should go around doing good every chance we get.

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# REAL DEAL MILTON HERSHEY

**Concept:** Highlighting an interesting historical place, figure or event that illustrates the theme of the day. The theme of the day is goodness.

**Costume:** White button-up shirt
Dark suit and bow tie
Hair neatly combed

**Media:** If you have the technical capability, you can download pictures of Milton Hershey, the Hershey factory, the town of Hershey, Hershey School and Hershey Amusement Park.

**Teacher Tip:** Entering in costume is an attention grabber for the Cadets. When presenting the information, it's helpful to have pictures available.

For safety, it's important to prescreen for food allergies, if choosing to allow the Cadets to partake in sampling the food items.

**Teen Tip:** Reviewing the script prior to service and involving teen helpers is a great way to keep the Cadets involved and attentive.

**Supplies:**
- Hershey's bars or Hershey's miniature bars

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## INTRO:

- Today we are learning about goodness. Jesus is the ultimate example of goodness. Jesus shared His goodness by healing those who were sick, giving to those in need and being a friend to all.
- The man we'll be sharing about today chose to use the gift of goodness in his life too. We'll give everyone a hint.
- (Unwrap a Hershey's bar and take a bite.) Mmmmm. Delicious!

Ask **Any guesses of who we're talking about today?**

## LESSON:

### What's a Philanthropist?

- Milton Hershey was a philanthropist.

Ask **Does anyone know what a philanthropist is?**

- A philanthropist is someone who gives their money, goods and services to bless other people without expecting a reward.
- In Greek, the word *philanthropist* means "to love people." When most people think of "Hershey," they think of chocolate. But Milton Hershey did more than make chocolate for America; he was a BIG giver!

### About Milton Hershey:

- Milton was born in 1857 on a farm in Pennsylvania. Milton had to quit school in the fourth grade because his family moved around quite a bit.
- That's when Milton landed his first job. He worked for a paper printer, and disliked it so much that he decided to quit.
- After that experience, Milton discovered his true love: candy!
- He started working for a candy maker and loved the experience so much that he decided to start his own candy business.

### 1-2-3 Strikes, You're…Not Out?

- Milton borrowed some money from his family to start up his first candy company in Pennsylvania. The company failed. (Strike One!)
- Milton tried again, but this time he started his company in Chicago. This company also failed. (Strike Two!)
- Surely the third time would be a success, and he started a new company in New York City. Again, his company failed. (Strike Three!)
- Most people would have given up by now, but not Milton! He decided to head back to his hometown in Pennsylvania, where people knew him, and try again. A great decision, because his fourth try at the candy business was a home run!
- For the next 20 years, Milton's Caramel Company was extremely successful. And that's where the *real* story begins…

### Hershey Chocolate Factory:

- Hershey made a lot of money with the success of his caramel factory, so he bought 40,000 acres of land. (That's over 30,700 football fields put together!)
- This land wasn't going to be used to make caramel. Milton wanted to make chocolate. And that's the reason he chose to place this factory in the middle of a dairy-farm area. This location would allow Milton to make real milk chocolate, which at the time was only made in Switzerland.

- Hershey had big dreams; he wanted to own the first American company to sell a product to the entire nation. To help this dream come alive, Milton bought chocolate machines from Germany that could produce enough chocolate products to be enjoyed everywhere.
- So in 1905, after two years of building, the Hershey factory was completed. Milton's 5-cent Hershey's bars were so famous they were called, "The Great American Chocolate Bars."

## The Town of Hershey:

- Milton decided to build and create an entire town, the town of Hershey, Pennsylvania. He built this town specifically for the people who worked at the chocolate factory. His goal was to build and create a great place for his workers and their families to go to school, have nice homes to live in and enjoy and have plenty of recreational opportunities.
- (By the way, Hershey Park and Hershey Hotel are still open today, if you're interested in a fun road trip….)
- Milton Hershey chose to care for and place value on the needs of his workers and their families, more than having lots of money and lots of "things."

## MAKING HISTORY:

- Milton and his wife, Kitty, did not have children but one of their biggest joys was giving to others. So with money earned from the Hershey Chocolate Company they chose to bless the lives of many, many people.
- In fact, the "seeds of goodness" sown by the Hershey family continue to bless people today, over 100 years later! Now that's a good harvest!
- Listed below are "seeds of goodness" sown by the Hershey family:

### Hershey School for Orphan Boys:

- When Milton and his wife passed away, they left their remaining assets to the Hershey School for Orphan Boys.
- Milton and his wife cared about kids, and wanted to give them an opportunity to succeed in life.

### Penn State Hershey Medical Center:

- This medical center was a gift from Milton and Kitty to the people of Pennsylvania. It took $50 million to build, which is a lot of money, especially in the 1930s! This hospital was designed as a teaching hospital, and is still funded by the Hershey Company today; it costs well over $50 million in operating expenses each year.

### Adding a little "Sweetness" to World War II:

- During World War II, Hershey wanted to brighten each soldier's day with a little "sweetness." So during the entire war, Milton supplied the U.S. military with chocolate bars. The "Tropical Bar" was created specifically for the soldiers because it would not melt in tropical weather.
- By the end of the war, Hershey was sending 24 million bars of chocolate a week to the soldiers! For this outstanding gift, he received the Army-Navy Award with five stars.

## OUTRO:

- The next time you enjoy a Hershey's bar, remember all the "seeds of goodness" sown and harvested by Milton Hershey. Milton Hershey knew chocolate only lasts a moment, but acts of goodness will be remembered forever. God knows our hearts and remembers what we do for others! That's why Milton Hershey is today's Real Deal.

# OFFERING LUNCH ANYONE?

**Time Required:** 10 minutes

**Offering Scripture:** "One of the disciples—it was Andrew, brother to Simon Peter—said, 'There's a little boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But that's a drop in the bucket for a crowd like this.'"

John 6:8-9 MSG

**Teacher Tip:** For safety, it's important to prescreen for food allergies, if choosing to allow the Cadets to partake in sampling the food items.

**Supplies:** ☐ 1 Individual-size cooler, ☐ 1 Loaf of bread, ☐ 1 Package of tuna (The kind of tuna that comes in a packet, that can be torn open.)

## Offering Instructions:

- Wow, I am so hungry; in fact, I brought along a little snack. I have my favorite bread here *(smell it)*. Mmmm, that smells great. And I also brought some tuna fish. *(Open the tuna so the smell can help set the stage of your story.)* Yummy bread and fish. Come to think of it, this snack makes me think of this story I read in John. It's cool because it's about a kid, just like one of you. Let me read it to you. (Read John 6:5-13 MSG.)
- How amazing is that? God used just one boy's lunch to feed thousands of people, and there were plenty of leftovers, too—12 baskets full to be exact. But I was thinking, what if that boy had not given his lunch to Jesus, what if he had started thinking, "I'm too hungry, I need to eat this lunch myself"? We know the end of the story but that kid didn't know Jesus was going to feed the whole crowd with his lunch. He just thought that Jesus was probably hungry so he brought Him something to eat! Think about it—there was a huge group of people who had something good to eat because a little boy decided to be a giver, decided to bring what he had to Jesus.
- Superkids, be ready to share what you have! The next time you feel that little tug in your heart to do something generous, be like the boy with the fish. Don't hold back, step right up and give what you have. You do that and the Lord will be right there to make your little into a lot!

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# LESSON OUTLINE GOODNESS

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## I. DOING GOOD WAS A HABIT WITH JESUS Acts 10:38

a. The force of goodness brings us the godly desire to give of our goods.
b. Goods can be money, food, clothing or toys, anything we own.
c. Jesus went around doing good: healing, preaching and giving to the poor.
d. He had a reputation for it. John 13:29

## II. GOODNESS IS PROOF OF GOD IN US

a. When we are selfish, the love of God is not in us. 1 John 3:18
b. Choosing to be a giver is proof that we are God's children—because He's the greatest giver of all time! 3 John 11
c. When we meet a need, we cause people to remember to be thankful to God. 2 Corinthians 9:12

## III. IF YOU PLANT GOODNESS, YOU'LL HARVEST GOODNESS

a. Tabitha was known for helping others and giving to the poor. Acts 9:36-41
b. When she became sick and died, Peter prayed for her and she was healed. What a great harvest!
c. You <u>always</u> harvest what you plant so never quit doing good! Galatians 6:7-10
d. God enables us to be generous with the fruit of goodness. 2 Corinthians 9:8

***A Word from Commander Kellie:*** The natural human inclination is toward selfishness, not generosity. That is why goodness is such a powerful force when it rises up on the inside of us as a supernatural urge to give. I would be sure to clarify again the difference between goodness and kindness. Kindness is selflessly serving people even when it's inconvenient. Goodness is meeting their needs by giving them your goods. Encourage the kids to never be afraid to obey God when He asks them to give. When He asks you to give something away, He always has plans to give you something better! I agree with the saying, "You can't out give God!"

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# OBJECT LESSON EVERY OPPORTUNITY

**Time Required:** 5-8 minutes

**Foundation Scripture:** "Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone. . . ."

Galatians 6:10

**Teacher Tip:** For safety, it's important to prescreen for food allergies, if choosing to allow the Cadets to partake in sampling the food items.

**Supplies:** ☐ Chocolate chip cookies for everyone in the audience, ☐ 1 Glass of milk

## Lesson Instructions:

- Chocolate chip cookies are great! Especially with a big glass of milk!
- (Take a bite of the cookie and a sip of the milk as the lesson continues.)
- This is one good cookie, so soft and chewy. Mmmmm. This is a great cookie!
- Oh, I almost forgot why I was up here. I'm supposed to share a verse with you. It's Galatians 6:10, which says, "Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone…." That's a great verse. That means that any chance we get, we should be good to the people around us. I definitely do that! Whenever I get a chance, I'm good to others. (Keep talking about how you obey that verse until your crowd starts responding that you aren't sharing your cookies.)

Ask **Does anyone out there like homemade chocolate chip cookies?**

- Wow, that's quite a few of you. I could share a few, but I'm not really in a sharing mood. Sometimes you just don't feel like sharing!
- (Take another bite of the cookie.) I'm pretty hungry too.
- By eating this cookie all by myself, I'm not being good to those around me, because I'm not sharing my cookies. I guess I wasn't taking every opportunity to do good to those around me. That includes sharing the good things I have with others, doesn't it? Well, this has been a good reminder and I'm changing that right now!
- We want to be like Jesus and do good whenever we have the chance. And we have a chance today with these cookies.

Ask **Soooo, who would like a chocolate chip cookie?**

- (Pass out the rest of the cookies to the Cadets in the audience.)
- That's actually more fun than eating the cookies by myself. I'm going to share goodness more often. In fact, I'm going to do just like Galatians 6:10 says and do good every opportunity I get!

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