

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

2's-SK Leader Outline

LESSON 1

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

For the Leader: Theater script & puppets, Kidzone video/timestamps, scissors (to pre-cut craft printable), hole punch, yarn or string (pre-cut for kids; 3 8-inch pieces each child)

For the children: Craft printables, crayons, copies of the Craft & colouring printables, and Extra Activities listed below for each child, extra toys/games in bins.

BIG IDEA: I can show others LOVE through the Holy Spirit's power

BIBLICAL TEXT: 1 John 3:16-20

STORY: John's Letter About Love

VERSE: *"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."* Galatians 5:22-23a

*"We are so glad you came to church today! We are starting a brand-new series on the Fruit of the Spirit! The fruit we are talking about today is not like the kind we eat off of trees, haha! The Fruit of the Spirit are things like love, joy, peace and patience. When we choose to follow Jesus with our lives, the Holy Spirit helps us to become more like Jesus and then we GROW the Fruit of the Spirit. Today, we are going to talk about the first Fruit of the Spirit, which is love. When I count to three, let's say love all together. Ready? 1, 2, 3! **ALLOW TIME FOR CHILDREN TO REPEAT.** Great job! We are going to learn more about love*

through our Bible story today called John's Letter About Love. Let's learn about our Bible story by looking at our Bible Stick Theater!"

BIBLE TEACHING TOOL- Bible Stick Theater (Puppets)

Let the kids know they are going to see this come to life again a little later when they watch the Bible Story Video. *As you read the theater script, use the sticks to play out the story. There are different sticks for different characters and emotions. Feel free to involve the kids to hold the puppet sticks! By the end of the lesson, the children should have a better understanding of the story of John's Letter About Love. STORYTELLING TIP: Familiarize yourself with the characters on the sticks prior to telling the story. They will be labeled so you can know who is who.*

"WOW! John wrote so many letters to people who believed in Jesus. He did this so he could encourage them and teach them! In the letter we are learning about today, John talked about real love. Love is more than just a feeling. Love is showing we care about others through our actions! Jesus showed us what real love is when He gave up His life for us, and died for our sin on the cross! We can show Jesus that we love Him too when we worship and learn about Him!"

VERSE TIME — (Feel free to use Bubble Time portion on the video)

- Our Bible verse says: *"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."* Galatians 5:22-23a
- Today, we're going to hear the whole verse, and practice the part of the verse up to LOVE!
- Have the children repeat the whole verse after you.
- Repeat it again, while humming a tune
- Repeat it again, while tapping your head.

- Repeat it one more time, while playing follow the leader in a line around the room!

CRAFT TIME – I CAN SHOW LOVE MOBILES

Refer to the craft instructions page for details on the craft lesson.

Use the craft time to reinforce the Big Idea by talking to the children as they are working. Help the kids complete the craft and talk with them about the questions included on the craft lesson page.

*“These crafts are awesome! One of the best ways we can shine our light for Jesus is by loving others through our actions. Remember, love is more than just a feeling. Love is showing others we care about them through our actions. Now I have something I want to show you. (Pull out a Bible.) Who knows what this is? **WAIT FOR CHILDREN TO ANSWER.** Yes! This is the Bible. The Bible is a special book because it is God’s book. There are a lot of stories in the Bible, but today I want you to hear the story of John’s Letter About Love. **(OPEN BIBLE).** In this letter, John wrote about what real love is. He talked about how Jesus show us real love when He gave up His life for us. Jesus loves us so much! So now, let’s put on our thinking caps and listening ears and hear our Bible story!”*

BIBLE STORY VIDEO & TALK ABOUT THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO —

Tip: Allow the kids to answer questions with one or two other people and then share what they’ve talked about together with the group. Let kids know you want to hear from them and what they think about the things talked about today.

WATCH BIBLE STORY VIDEO

“John helped us to understand what real love is. Remember, real love is not just a feeling. Real love is showing others we care about them through our actions. It is easy for us to tell someone we love them, but real love is showing we care about them. When we follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit works to make us more like Jesus. We then start having the Fruit of the Spirit. The Fruit of the Spirit is not actual fruit, like the fruit we eat. It is things we grow in our lives by following Jesus like love, joy, peace and patience!”

I think we need some more help to understand how we can love others. I heard that Bog and Gus got their very own FOOD TRUCK and they are going to have some fun adventures together. I even heard that Bog is making pies! Mmmm!

Now let’s make sure we are ready to listen and learn. So put on your listening ears and your thinking caps. And let’s join Bog, Gus and David for Gus and Bog’s Food Truck Adventure!”

GUS & BOG’S FOOD TRUCK ADVENTURE- TEACHING VIDEO Watch the teaching video clip episode.

TALK ABOUT THE TEACHING VIDEO-

Tip: Allow the kids to answer questions with one or two other people and then share what they’ve talked about together with the group. This creative video segment unpacks the Fruit of the Spirit that the children are learning this week and tells us the application of the story for the children’s lives. Let kids know you want to hear from them and what they think about the things talked about today.

“WOW! Bog showed Gus that he loved him by letting Gus join him in the truck! Jesus wants us to show others real love too! We can show our parents that we love by picking up our toys. We can also show our family or friends real love by sharing our most favorite toys with them! We can show others what real love is when we follow Jesus. When we make the decision to follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit works to make us more like Him. And that is why we are learning about real love. Now repeat after me, “Real love is showing others we care

*about them through our actions.” **WAIT FOR CHILDREN TO REPEAT.** Great job! This week, remember real love is more than just a feeling. Real love is showing others we care about them through what we do.”*

PRAYER TIME —

- Use the prayer practice “Please: I’m Sorry; I love You”.
- Ask the children if they have anything they’d like to ask God for, to apologize for, or to thank God for.
- Incorporate what the children said as you pray; or, ask if a child would like to say a sentence for part of the prayer.
- Incorporate the Big Idea in your prayer; e.g., “*God, thank you for helping me learn more about love! Thank you for loving me so much and giving your son Jesus to me. Help me to remember the different ways I can show others love too. We Love you! Amen!*”

EXTRA ACTIVITIES: If there is time left over before the service ends, the curriculum contains these additional activities:

- **Lesson 1 Colouring Sheet**
- **Play the introductory “game” on the Kidzone Online video (it comes right after Pastor Shauna welcomes everyone).**

Dismissal and Checkout:

Open the classroom door and use the walkie talkie so you can hear the Host team calling children’s names. Dismiss children down the hall toward the hosts

with their activities from today. Meanwhile, let the other kids continue to play or do activities.