

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Gr. 1-5 Leader Outline

LESSON 7: FAITHFULNESS

BIG IDEA: Faithfulness is being loyal in my relationship with God because it is the right thing to do.

STORY: The Apostles and the High Council

BIBLICAL TEXT: Acts 5:17-42

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

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

For the Leader: Kidzone Video/timestamps, garbage bag/small bucket or 3 large cups/large bunch of grapes for each Gr 1-5 class (3 total).

For the children: crayons and markers, blank paper, copies of the printables and Extra Activities listed below for each child

All times are approximate! Worship Time is at about 3:40pm. Other than that, the Leader may decide what order the other activities listed below will be done, and/or if something will be omitted or changed. For example, the children could watch the Bible Story video and the Teaching video together, and then the Leader could ask all of the questions and do the other activities after watching both videos.

Schedule:

3:00-3:15pm: Greet kids as they arrive. Kids have free-choice time with the activities the Leader has set out & prepared from the bin. Connect with kids, get to know them, introduce the Big Idea of the day, etc...

3:15pm: Tidy up the activities and games.

3:20-3:40pm: Class Time

3:40-3:55pm: Worship Time (in the Youth Lounge)

3:55-4:30pm: Class Time

WELCOME & ICEBREAKER GAME: Connecting Kids to Others

“Welcome! My name is _____ and I am so glad you are here today! Let’s take a minute to turn to the person next to you and give them a high five! A WESOME!”

Today, we are continuing our series on the Fruit of the Spirit. This is week 7! The Fruit of the Spirit is a gift God gives us to help us live a life that pleases Him and shows His love to those who do not know God. Throughout this series, we are going to learn about how we can develop the Fruit of the Spirit as we grow closer to Jesus.

Today, we are going to learn about the seventh Fruit of the Spirit which is faithfulness. Now before we dive in, I want to ask you a question:

Sometimes standing up for what we believe in can be difficult. Why do you think God wants us to stand up for what we believe in? Turn to someone next to you and tell them your answers.

ALLOW TIME FOR CHILDREN TO TELL EACH OTHER THEIR ANSWERS. Great job! Alright now, what were some of your answers? ALLOW TIME FOR CHILDREN TO RESPOND.

Thanks for sharing! God wants us to stand up for what we believe in, and our relationship with Him, because it is the right thing to do. We know this is not always easy, but when we have Jesus in our hearts, we can have this Fruit of the Spirit grow inside of us. Even when we are in tough situations, Jesus will give us the strength to be faithful and make the right choices that honour

Him! Now before we learn more about how we can have faithfulness, we are going to start our time together by playing a game! Let's get started!

Directions: Grape Toss!

Instructions: Have 2-3 kids volunteer OR have each child take a turn to do the grape toss! Set out the garbage bag on the ground or a desk and have the bucket or cups on top.

Give each child 2 grapes, and tell them to handle them with care and attention! You don't want to smush your grape before you have a chance to toss it and try to get it in the bucket/cup!

Have child stand back far enough from the cups/bucket where it is a bit challenging, but they have a good chance of getting it in! Tell them to be very careful as they aim!

Give kids the chance to try and get the grapes in the cups/bucket.

"That was so fun! We've learned about 6 different Fruits from the Holy Spirit so far, and this week we're talking specifically about a new one: FAITHFULNESS. Sometimes we find it hard to stay true to what we know is right. The grape toss reminds us of what it's like to be faithful. God desires us to handle our relationship with Him with love, loyalty and care (just like we had to handle the grapes with care so we didn't smush them!), and to stay as CLOSE to Him in all we do! We want the aim of our lives to bring Him glory and to live our lives as FAITHFUL to Him as possible!

In today's lesson, we look at our Bible story about the Apostles and the High Council. In this story, we are going to hear about how the Apostles- Jesus' disciples (followers), were faithful to their relationship with God and their message, despite being told by the Pharisees to be silent. Because they had the Holy Spirit's presence with them, He helped them remain faithful to what was GOOD & RIGHT!

Let's watch our Bible story so we can learn more about Faithfulness!"

Watch the ANIMATED BIBLE STORY, "The Apostles and the High Council", from the Kidzone Online video. (It comes after the first worship song).

Talk About the Bible Story; *ask & share some or all of the following questions and discussion points. Tip: Allow the kids to answer questions with one or two other people and then share what they've discovered together with the group. Encourage the kids to share their response to the questions even if someone has already said what they wanted to say.*

“Wow! Even though the Apostles were arrested, beaten and told multiple times to be quiet about the Good News, they continued to stand up for what they believed in. This is how they showed their faithfulness to God!

The Bible calls us to show our faithfulness too by standing up for what we believe in because it is the right thing to do. We can show our faithfulness every day, no matter where we are! Even if other people disagree with us, we should always try our best to do what is right in God's eyes.”

3:40-3:55 pm: WORSHIP TIME (in the Youth Lounge)

“Have you ever wanted to direct your OWN short film/video! WELL- some kids were given the chance to do this and TONS of short films were submitted and we're going to get to watch a couple of them today in our new show called the “YOU DIRECT AWARDS.” Now, let's check it out and see who this week's finalist is as we learn more about faithfulness!”

Watch the YOU-DIRECT EXAMPLE VIDEO & SUPER SNAIL SAM QUIZ (2 clips);

Watch the Teaching from the Kidzone Online video. (It comes after the Bible story video).

Talk About the 'YOU-DIRECT' Example Video

“Wow, what a great stop motion video from Jacob! Quick question for you. Can anyone say all the Fruits of the Spirit? WAIT FOR CHILDREN TO RESPOND. Leader Cheat Sheet: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Nice job! The Fruit of the Spirit are seeds that grow inside of us to show others what God's love looks like. Just like Pastor Shawn said, there may be people in our own lives who want us to be silent or not talk about Jesus. But the Bible tells us that we should be faithful and continue to tell others about Jesus because it is the right thing to do. When we have the Fruit of the Spirit, God will help give us the strength we need to be faithful. Now I want everyone to look at the screen and repeat after me. “Faithfulness is being loyal to my relationship with God and what I believe in, because it is the right thing to do!”

Now it is time to test your knowledge with a quiz! Normally quizzes are boring, but this quiz is awesome because it features a snail that has LASER vision, super speed and can talk. His name is Super Snail Sam and he is here to help you expand your knowledge! If you know any of the answers to Super Snail Sam's questions, make sure to shout it out as loud as you can. Are you ready? Great! Let's go ahead and join Super Snail Sam for our Fruit of the Spirit Quiz!”

WATCH SUPER SNAIL SAM QUIZ GAME VIDEO

Talk About the SUPER SNAIL SAM QUIZ GAME VIDEO

- *Feel free to pause the video along the way as the questions are being asked, and allow your kids to answer before Super Snail Sam reveals the correct answer!*

“Great job answering those questions! I have a question for you. Has there ever been a time in your life when you had to stick up for what was right even when other people disagreed? If so, when? In our discussion today, you will answer that question and dive deeper into our Bible story! So

remember to use this time to connect with your friends. Listen to what they have to say! You might just learn from each other!

If you are able, have the kids get into a couple of groups with a leader or LIT to discuss the following questions:

TEACHING OBJECTIVE: THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS FAITHFULNESS.
FAITHFULNESS IS STANDING UP FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE IN BECAUSE IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

1. What are some things you believe in?
2. Have you ever wanted to not stand up for what you believe in? Why?
3. Describe a situation where you, or someone you knew, was told not to talk about Jesus. What happened?
4. In what situation might you have to choose to obey God over other people?
5. How does choosing to be faithful make us braver?
6. How can you show God's love by doing the right thing this week?
7. Name a situation when you can stand up for what you believe in even if you may get teased for it. ALLOW TIME FOR CHILDREN TO ANSWER.

“Those are some great answers! We are all faced with situations where we have to choose whether or not to do the right thing. I want to challenge you this week to grow in faithfulness by practicing standing up for what you believe in. When we do that, we will grow in the Fruit of the Spirit and be ready to boldly share God's love with the world.”

SUGGESTION: *Before going to prayer, have the children repeat the Bible verse aloud once or twice with you. Feel free to create your own Bible Verse Game to play today!*

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PRAYER:

- Wrap up your time together by praying, using the CALM prayer practice (*refer to prayer practice card*).
- Ask the children if they have anything they'd like to celebrate & praise God for....
- Incorporate what the children said as you pray; or, ask if a child would like to say a sentence for the C, A, or L portion of the prayer.
- For the M part, ask the children to meditate quietly on our verse and the way we can ask God to give us FAITHFULNESS: *God, Thank you for your unconditional love. No matter what, you promise to always be there for me. Please help me have the Fruit of the Spirit. I want to show my faithfulness to you despite how difficult my situation may be. I want to stand up for what I believe in because it is the right thing to do. I love you. In Jesus' name, Amen*

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

- **Lesson 7 Colouring Sheet**
- **Lesson 7 Word Search**
- **Lesson 7 Activity Sheet**
- **Play the introductory “game” on the Kidzone Online video (it comes right after Pastor Shauna welcomes everyone).**

4:30-4:35pm: 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. Meanwhile, let kids choose activities from the classroom bin.