



UNIT 4, SESSION 1

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT | WEEK 1

LUKE 10

KEY POINTS

God is our helper. • When we believe in Jesus, He gives us the Holy Spirit to help us.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

What are the fruits of the Spirit? They are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

MEMORY VERSE

Pray without ceasing and give thanks in all circumstances. 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

PREPARE



Take time to reflect
on today's lesson.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

The story of the Good Samaritan is an example of living out what the fruit of the Spirit looks like. The story is found in Luke 10:25-37:

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

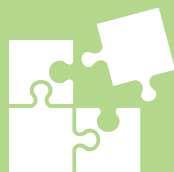
"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

The lesson quickly moves to the heart of the matter. Jesus goes on to tell the story of the Good Samaritan. Through this story, we learn about a Samaritan man who embodies the fruit of the Spirit, which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Read through Luke 10:25-37 and ask God to reveal Himself and this teaching to you further. Ask God to continue giving you the fruit of the Spirit, and seek and strive to have it daily.

2 Thessalonians 2:13 says, *"But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as first fruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth."*

WELCOME & OPENING



Connect with children as service starts.

WELCOME

Play music through the undercabinet radio (flash drive), or connect your phone to Bluetooth through the radio and play Christian preschool/Bible songs as you greet children coming into the classroom. Help them transition in and feel welcome as they play games and interact with others.

MEMORY VERSE SONG

Gather children and sing the song below to the tune of “Skip to My Lou”:

Pray, pray, pray without ceasing,
pray, pray, pray without ceasing,
pray, pray, pray without ceasing,
and give thanks in all circumstances.
1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

THE LORD’S PRAYER/TEN COMMANDMENTS

Toddlers & Twos: Use the provided poster to review the Lord’s Prayer with the children in your class.

Threes & Fours: Using the provided poster, review the Ten Commandments with the children in your class. Read through each one, then have children repeat after you as you say them together.

CRAFT



Help children with a craft connected to the Bible lesson.

CRAFT: FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT TREE

Pass out the provided tree templates, glue sticks, crayons/markers, and fruit circles.

Give children a few minutes to decorate their tree template, then help each child glue their fruits of the Spirit to their tree.

As you work, review the fruits of the Spirit. Make sure each child's name is on their craft somewhere so they know which one to take home with them!



BIBLE TIME



Review the Bible lesson with your class.

BABIES & TWOS BIBLE LESSON

One day a long time ago, Jesus was asked, “Who is my neighbor?” To answer, Jesus told this story:

“A man was on his way to the city of Jericho. On the way, he was attacked and badly hurt. He had been robbed! The man was hurt and he needed help. He was passed by two people who did not stop! Along came a Samaritan. He stopped! He helped! He went out of his way and helped the hurt man completely.”

Then it was Jesus’ turn to ask the question: “Who was the hurt man’s neighbor?”

The answer was given, “The one who helped the hurt man was his neighbor.”

“Yes,” Jesus said, and then He told us to go and do the same!

THREES & FOURS BIBLE LESSON

The Fruit of the Spirit helps us understand how the Holy Spirit sanctifies us and helps us to be more like Jesus. Ask children what their favorite fruit is and why they like it.

Discuss how just like fruit is a good and healthy part of our diet, the Fruit of the Spirit is good for our hearts and minds. Explain that the Holy Spirit helps us grow this special kind of fruit in our lives, which makes us more like Jesus.

The Bible Story:

Read “The Good Samaritan” from your children’s Bible. Explain that this story shows an example of living out the Fruit of the Spirit. The Good Samaritan showed kindness, goodness, and love by helping a man who was hurt, even though others passed by without helping.

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SNACK & CLOSING



Continue to engage children near the end of the morning.

SNACK & DISCUSSION

Have everyone wash their hands, then serve a snack. Ask the following questions and retell parts of the lesson as needed.

1. What was your favorite part of today's Bible lesson?
2. What did you learn about God in today's Bible lesson?
3. What did the Good Samaritan do when he saw the hurt man?
4. What are the fruits of the Spirit? They are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Sing the clean up song. Have children help put toys on tables.

Gather them on the rug in a circle and have one volunteer read today's Bible lesson from the children's Bible. Have a regular Bible ready as well.

Sing the "B.I.B.L.E." and "Everything in the Bible is Absolutely True" songs. Remind children that the Bible is God's Word and the most important book in the whole world!

The other volunteer should stand at the door and help with pick up, matching stickers, gathering children's things, etc.

BEFORE YOU GO...

Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:

1. Spray down toys with disinfectant.
2. Spot sweep if needed.
3. Return toys to closet, close door.
4. Throw away any trash left on counters and in room.
5. Return binders to the cabinet.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!