



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT – “GOD IS LOVE”

LESSON OVERVIEW

Revelation: God is Love

Story: Genesis 3

Heart: God is love and He has a loving plan for us despite our sin

Memory Verse: “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” – Galatians 5:22+23

GAME

- Musical Chairs
- 4-Corners
- Playground

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Page Team Lead for all communication of needs (supplies, parent assistance, medical, restroom breaks)
- NEVER leave the classroom without paging Team Lead
- NEVER be alone with a child – this includes one on one conversations
- NO pictures or video recording is allowed in the classroom
- Every child and serve team member MUST wear their name tag

RULES

- Respect

DECLARATION

“I am a child of God, full of His Holy Spirit. I am learning His ways. I am made to encounter and connect with Him daily. I am walking in His favor and carrying His presence wherever I go.”

CONNECT WITH GOD FOCUS

- Conversation



REVELATION

We are beginning our series on the fruit of the Spirit. When we encounter God daily, His characteristics (which is who He is) begin to show in our actions. When you hear the word encounter, or the phrase daily encounter, this means spending time with Father God. There are many ways to encounter God. The reason we daily encounter is because we love Him and want to know Him. When we know Him, we act like Him. The fruit of the Spirit is:

- Love
- Joy
- Peace
- Patience
- Kindness
- Goodness
- Faithfulness
- Gentleness
- Self-Control

When you see, act in, or experience the fruit of the Spirit, it's the work of God in you and in others. **Our revelation today is, God is Love!**

What is love? (Allow for a response) The Bible defines what love is in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, "Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not want what belongs to others. It does not brag. It is not proud. It does not dishonor other people. It does not look out for its own interests. It does not easily become angry. It does not keep track of other people's wrongs. Love is not happy with evil. But it is full of joy when the truth is spoken. It always protects. It always trusts. It always hopes. It never gives up." **Our revelation today is, God is Love.**

Let's pray, Holy Spirit, we welcome you here, we don't make room for you, but we give you the entire room. We ask you to teach us your ways so that we may know you and find your favor. Speak Lord, your servants are listening. Amen.



BIBLE STORY

TEACHER PROMPT | If you memorize this story and this lesson, it will help you teach it in excellence and allow Holy Spirit to speak to you and through you.

BIBLE STORY INTRO | Our Bible story today is found in Genesis 3

The love of God for us can be seen by all the things He did. Throughout the Bible we can see His love for His children through His actions. God gave Adam and Eve a perfect place to live. It was a beautiful garden in a land called Eden. God told Adam and Eve to enjoy every good thing growing in the garden, except for the fruit hanging from ONE tree. It was the one and only simple rule. But one day, a sneaky snake began talking to them.

Often, the enemy won't come to you in obvious ways like how he came to Adam and Eve. The enemy comes and talks to you through your thoughts, when we experience hurt, there he is with lies. His goal is to distract you by convincing you that there is something you are missing or how you shouldn't forgive someone because what they did was so wrong and unfair.

On this day in the garden, the snake who was Satan, whispered to Eve, 'Eat from the one tree God said not to eat from. If you do, you will see things just like God.' The snake wanted Adam and Eve to forget God's love long enough to make a terrible mistake. Adam and Eve believed the sneaky snake's lie and they took a bite and sinned through disobedience. Sin separated them from God and suddenly, Adam and Eve felt sad, lonely, and afraid. The perfect life God created for them was now imperfect. But God had a loving plan because God is love! Many years later God sent His own son, Jesus, to take our sin for us so we could have relationship with Him. John 3:16 says that God loves us so much that He gave His one and only son for us! God is love, He shows us His love, and when we receive Him as our Lord and Savior, His love is in us and empowers us to walk in the fruit of the Spirit of love. **Our revelation today is, God is love!**



TEACHER PROMPT | Ask Holy Spirit what He wants to do in this next moment. This can look like hosting an encounter time for the Lord to show His love to children.

SALVATION + DISCUSSION

TEACHER PROMPT | This invitation to an eternity with Jesus is huge! Be sensitive to what Holy Spirit wants to do in this time. Ask Him to think through your thoughts and speak through your mouth!

SAY | God loves YOU so much that He gave his only Son that anyone who believes, in Jesus, might be saved and have everlasting life, John 3:16. God wants to be close to you. He has taken every step to be close to you. If you have never accepted Jesus into your heart, you can today! (You can invite children to raise hands, come forward, etc, have everyone repeat prayer together)

PRAYER | Father God you are Holy. Holy Spirit, we thank you for all that you teach us and that we get to know you Jesus, we thank you for laying down your life so that we can be close to you. Jesus, would you forgive us from our sins. Would you come live in our heart forever. Amen.

CELEBRATION | At TLC one of our values is Celebration. If you made this amazing decision to give your life to Jesus today, please stand up so we can CELEBRATE YOU! Let's Celebrate our friends who gave their life to Jesus today! WOOHOO!!

NOTE | List names of any child that received Jesus today on the Feedback Sheet

ASK | Encourage children to participate by answering the below questions:

- + What did Holy Spirit highlight to you in this story today?
- + How do you think you would react in this situation if you were there?
- + What is our memory verse?
- + What was our revelation?
- + What was our Bible Lesson about?



BENEDICTION PRAYER

“Teach us your ways that we may know you and find your favor.” – Exodus 33:13

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. What was our memory verse?

(But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23)

2. What was our revelation?

(God is love)

3. What was our Bible Story about?

(Adam and Eve being tempted in the garden)

4. Who was tempted first, Adam or Eve?

(Eve)

5. What separates us from God?

(Sin)

6. What is love?

(Anything close to this. “Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not want what belongs to others. It does not brag. It is not proud. It does not dishonor other people. It does not look out for its own interests. It does not easily become angry. It does not keep track of other people’s wrongs. Love is not happy with evil. But it is full of joy when the truth is spoken. It always protects. It always trusts. It always hopes. It never gives up.”.)

TEACHER PROMPT | Fill in the blank with the number of salvations: _____

Your name and classroom name: _____

Feedback: _____

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Celebrations: _____
