



## FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT – “GOD GIVES ME JOY”

### LESSON OVERVIEW

**Revelation:** God Gives Me Joy

**Story:** Acts 5:12-17

**Heart:** As you spend time encountering God, your trust in Him grows, and you can experience His joy no matter what you are going

**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 continuing 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

**SAY** | Last week we learned about the fruit of the Spirit, LOVE. There are many ways people use the word love. I love pizza, I love the color blue, I love football, etc. Using the word love in this way is only describing something you really enjoy and prefer over other things.

What is joy? Where does it come from? Can you experience/have joy in all circumstances? When you're facing something tough, can you have joy? (Allow for a response)

This week our focus is the fruit of the Spirit: Joy. Romans 15:13 says, "May the God who gives hope fill you with great joy. May you have perfect peace as you trust in him. May the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with hope."

Joy comes from God as we trust Him. This means that when we do not trust Him joy cannot fill us. When someone says to us, "Trust me", they are saying that because you have the choice not to trust. As you spend time encountering God,



your trust in Him grows, and you can experience His joy no matter what you are going through. **Our revelation today is, God Gives Me Joy.**

**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 Acts 5:12-17

"The apostles did many signs and wonders among the people. All the believers used to meet together... No outsider dared to join them. But the people thought highly of them. More and more men and women believed in the Lord. They joined the other believers. So, people brought those who were sick into the streets. They placed them on beds and mats. They hoped that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he walked by. Crowds even gathered from the towns around Jerusalem. They brought their sick people. They also brought those who were suffering because of evil spirits. All of them were healed."

"The high priest and all his companions were Sadducees. They were very jealous of the apostles. So, they arrested them and put them in the public jail."

A man named Peter, and the apostles were teaching people about Jesus! Not only were they teaching others about Jesus but in the name of Jesus Peter was also healing those who were sick. Miracles, signs, and wonders followed them everywhere they went, and people were talking about these signs and wonders. The high priest and the Sadducees became jealous and started giving them a hard time. Peter and the Apostles did not get discouraged! They continued to obeyed Jesus and be about kingdom building by sharing the good news of Jesus. It was not long before Peter and the Apostles were thrown in jail by those people who did not like them, the high priests and The Sadducees. I would say that the day they



were thrown in jail was not hash tagged, BEST DAY EVER, but even then, they chose joy and obedience.

How do you strengthen that fruit of the Spirit in you? Philippians 4:4 says, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice.” Choosing joy is a choice you will make daily. Choose joy when you feel disappointed, choose joy when you're sad, choose joy when you feel angry, choose joy at all times. **Our revelation today is, God Gives Me Joy.**

**TEACHER PROMPT** | Ask Holy Spirit what He wants to do in this next moment. Ask Holy Spirit to fill them with Joy even when circumstances around them don't feel “Happy”

## **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 gives me joy)

### **3. What was our Bible Story about?**

(Peter walking in the power of God and he gets arrested)

### **4. What fruit of the Spirit did we learn about today?**

(Joy)

### **5. What separates us from God?**

(Sin)

### **6. What fruit did we learn about last week?**

(Love)

**TEACHER PROMPT** | Fill in the blank with the number of salvations: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name and classroom name: \_\_\_\_\_

Feedback: \_\_\_\_\_

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Celebrations: \_\_\_\_\_

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