



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT – “GOD CALLS ME TO BE GENTLE”

LESSON OVERVIEW

Revelation: God Calls Me to be Gentle

Story: Acts 15:36-41

Heart: Without forgiveness, we cannot walk in gentleness. Nothing should keep us from acting in gentleness with our words and actions towards other and ourselves.

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

- Learning



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 | Today we are going to focus on the fruit of the Spirit of gentleness. Who can tell me what gentleness means? (Give time for answers)

The definition of gentleness is the quality of being kind, meekness, or gentleness of mind. Being gentle is motivated by the love of God.

TEACHER PROMPT | Share an age-appropriate personal story of a time when you gave or received undeserved gentleness. **Our revelation today is, God calls me to be gentle**

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 15:36-41

The Apostle Paul, Barnabas, and Mark were out on a missionary journey, sharing the message of Jesus and the cross. Often, they were rejected and faced with many dangers because people refused the message they shared. We're not sure why, but one day John Mark decided to quit and go back to Jerusalem before the missionary journey was complete. Paul was not happy when Mark left, and this produced a seed of unforgiveness in him.

Sometime later Paul and Barnabas spoke about going back to all the places they visited on their first missionary journey and Barnabas suggested bringing his cousin John Mark with them. Paul was so upset and argued about why Mark should not come. Paul did not have a gentle heart towards Mark. This gentleness in heart comes from loving others; and loving others is walking in forgiveness. Rather than walking in gentleness Paul let this seed grow in him and this led to him and Barnabas going separate ways.

Paul later grew in God and learned to choose gentleness and forgiveness. It was not long before the three friends were together again telling people about Jesus and the kingdom of God. People's past mistakes shouldn't keep us from acting in gentleness with our words and actions towards others, or even with ourselves.

Our revelation today is, God calls me to be gentle.

TEACHER PROMPT | Ask Holy Spirit what He wants to do in this next moment. This can look like leading children into searching their heart for ways they haven't walked in forgiveness and partnered with gentleness.

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 calls me to be gentle)

3. What was our Bible Story about?

(Paul / Barnabas / and Mark waling out forgiveness and gentleness)

4. Who did Paul not have a gentle heart towards?

(Mark)

5. What was the root cause of Paul's actions?

(Unforgiveness)

6. What fruit of the Spirit did Paul need to grow in?

(Gentleness)

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

Your name and classroom name: _____

Feedback: _____

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Celebrations: _____
