



## FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT – “GOD IS FAITHFUL SO I AM FAITHFUL”

### LESSON OVERVIEW

**Revelation:** God is Faithful, so I am Faithful

**Story:** Daniel 6

**Heart:** Daniel had the peace of God in his heart because he knew God would be faithful to be with him and rescue him from danger.

**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 faithfulness.

Faithfulness means you do what you say. You may have heard a person described as, a man or person of their word. This phrase simply means someone is faithful. Mathew 5:37 tells us, "Let what you say be simply 'yes' or 'no'; anything more than this comes from evil." What this scripture is telling us is it is evil to say we will do something and then not do it. Faithfulness is who God is. We were made in the image of God and as we grow in His ways the fruit of the Spirit of faithfulness grows inside of us.

**Our revelation today is, God is faithful, so I am faithful.**

**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 Daniel 6

This story takes place in Babylon, where King Darius selected three supervisors to oversee 120 appointed governors. One of the three supervisors was named Daniel. Daniel loved God and was committed to only love and worship God.

Daily, even three times a day, Daniel encountered God. How often? (give time for responses) Did he only encounter God when he needed something? (give time for responses) Did David wait to be at the temple to encounter God? (give time for responses) No! Daily Daniel met with God, encountering Him through prayer and through worship. He was known for his faithfulness to God. The King loved Daniel because he was a faithful and a dependable man of truth. Everything Daniel did, he did very well. The King planned to promote Daniel and put him in charge of the entire kingdom.

Living a life that pleases God brings the favor of God in our life.

The other supervisors and governors were jealous of him and looked for ways to find faults in Daniel and catch him messing up, but they couldn't find anything.

One day, the other supervisors and governors planned to make Daniel look bad in the eyes of the King. They convinced the King to make a law that no one could worship anyone but King Darius for 30 days (about 4 and a half weeks) and if anyone broke that law they would be terribly punished!

This law did not stop Daniel from praying and worshiping God.

In fact, when Daniel learned that the decree had been signed, he went to his home to pray, just as he had always done. His house had windows in the upstairs room that were opened towards Jerusalem, and three times a day Daniel knelt there in front of those windows and continued to pray faithfully to His God.



When the law makers saw Daniel worshiping and praying to God they ran and told the King. The King had to follow through with his own law and ordered Daniel to be thrown into the lion's den for his disobedience. The King was up all night afraid for Daniel's life because he loved him. Daniel was not afraid! Daniel had the peace of God in his heart because he knew God would be faithful and rescue him from danger.

**Our revelation today is God is faithful, so I am faithful.**

**TEACHER PROMPT** | Ask Holy Spirit what He wants to do in this next moment. Share an age-appropriate personal story of a time when you encountered the faithfulness of God.

## **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 faithful so I am faithful)

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

(Daniel did not stop worshipping God even though his life was on the line)

### **4. How was God faithful to Daniel?**

(He protected him for being faithful to God)

### **5. What was King Darius’ response to realizing that Daniel had to be thrown into the lions?**

(He prayed and fasted for him)

**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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