



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT – “MY ACTIONS PLEASE GOD”

LESSON OVERVIEW

Revelation: My Actions Please God

Story: Nehemiah 3-6

Heart: Nehemiah’s actions pleased God in fulfilling the Word of the Lord in building the temple

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

Today we are going to focus on the fruit of the Spirit of self-control. The definition of self-control is the power to control your actions and desires. Self-control is required in your thoughts, your emotions, and your actions. The power to control our actions comes from the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit empowers us to do hard things and the right things. **Our revelation today is my actions please God.**

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 Nehemiah 3-6



Our story is about Nehemiah rebuilding the Jerusalem wall. Nehemiah was such a trustworthy man that he was given one of the most important jobs a man could have in his day. Nehemiah was King Artaxerxes cupbearer. Cupbearers made sure that no one poisoned the king's drinking glass. Nehemiah had to be at the right place at the right time, all the time because the king's life was on the line.

One day a friend of Nehemiah came to visit him and told how the wall in Jerusalem that kept all the people safe had been torn down and destroyed. Nehemiah was devastated. He used self-control and took his devastation into the presence of God where he fasted and prayed. Nehemiah knew the wall needed to be rebuilt, but he also knew he could not leave the palace without the king's permission. Surely Nehemiah wanted to drop everything and run to Jerusalem to rebuild the wall, but he controlled his desires and stayed in his place. He told the king about the wall and found favor with him. The king gave him permission to leave the palace, ensured he would be safe on the long journey to Jerusalem, and gave him the money he would need for the project. When Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem, he assigned and empowered a team of men to help him rebuild the wall. While they worked people made fun of them to try and distract them from finishing their assignment. These people did all that they could to distract them from completing the job. Nehemiah did not care what other people thought of him, or what they said about him, he wanted his actions to please God, he did not react by yelling or getting even with them.

In our life, the enemy will come with lies and distractions to influence our emotions and get us off course. But when we develop the fruit of the Spirit of self-control, we have the power to control our thoughts, our emotions, and our actions.

Our revelation today is my actions please God.

TEACHER PROMPT | Ask Holy Spirit what He wants to do in this next moment. This can look like leading children into a moment to examine when they haven't walked in self-control when they should have.



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?

(My actions please God)

3. What was our Bible Story about?

(Nehemiah had self-control because He wanted to please God)

4. Why did Nehemiah want to go to Jerusalem?

(To help rebuild the wall.)

5. What gave Nehemiah favor with the King to leave?

(He fasted and prayed)

6. Was it easy for Nehemiah to go rebuild the wall?

(No, the people were mean to him, but he wanted to please God and not man)

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

Your name and classroom name: _____

Feedback: _____

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Celebrations: _____
