



August 25

I am Designed for a Purpose Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: The Fruit of the Spirit- Galatians 5-6

Bottom Line: I can grow my faith.

Leader Context: In Galatians 5-6, Paul wrote about how people can grow in their faith. God sent the Holy Spirit to help us follow Him and become more like Jesus. When we do, we bear fruit, or characteristics, that point others to Him. We get to teach kids that when they follow Jesus, they get to grow more and more like Him every day and produce amazing fruit, meaning attributes and attitudes that put God on display.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, pit ball (1 per group), music & Music player (optional)

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

Social

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

Fantastic fruit! That's what we just learned! Just like when a tree grows and it produces fruit, God helps us grow in our faith and produce fruit. This is called the *fruit of the Spirit*. The fruit of the what? (*Spirit!*) When we trust and follow God, He sends the Holy Spirit to help us grow in Him. And when we grow in Him, we produce fruit that points others to God. We can't produce this fruit on our own—we *need* God's help to make it happen!

When we trust in Jesus, the Holy Spirit changes us. Paul told the Galatians that the Holy Spirit gives them power to say no to sin and to live in a way that points others to God. Paul reminded them that they couldn't just live their lives by their own strength and power.

We can't live our lives by our own strength or power either. But there's good news! Everyone, say, "Good news!" (*Good news!*) When we trust Jesus, the Holy Spirit also changes us and helps us live in a way that points others to God. When we grow in our faith, people around us can see it.

We are designed for a purpose! Say, "I am designed for a purpose!" (*I am designed for a purpose!*) We can let go of our old ways and take on a new identity—a follower of Jesus. We can grow in our faith and be like Jesus. How cool is it that our family and friends can notice how we are different because we love and follow God?

Let's take a few minutes to pray together before we get into our activity for the day:

God, thank You that You sent Your Son, Jesus, so we can have a relationship with You. Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to help us grow in You. Help us to follow You and produce fruit that points others to You. Amen.

Videos

Grow and Tell Chatterbox (20 minutes)

What You Need: “Grow and Tell Chatterbox Instructions” printable (1 per group), “Grow and Tell Chatterbox” printable (1 per child), Pencils (1 per child), Markers or crayons (several), Child-safe scissors (1 per child)

What You Do: *Print one copy of the “Grow and Tell Chatterbox Instructions” printable. Print copies of the “Grow and Tell Chatterbox” printable for each child. Set out the supplies. Write love/kindness, joy, peace, patience, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in a visible place for kids to see.*

When we love and follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit helps us grow in our faith. As we grow, we point others to God. Let’s make a paper chatterbox that will help us think of and remember ways we can show the fruit of the Spirit.

1. Cut out the square on your paper.
2. Write one fruit of the Spirit in the middle of each triangle. Make sure to write *Love* and *Kindness* in the same triangle.
3. Flip over your paper so the words are on the back.
4. Fold up all four corners so the points meet in the middle.
5. Now flip your square over again.
6. Fold up all four corners so they meet in the middle again.
7. Now you should have an even smaller square.
8. Turn your square over again and fold your square down in half, across one of the middle gaps.
9. Work your fingers into the four corners from the fold side on the bottom. Work the creases to form four points.

Now, slide your fingers into the four points and open and close them to make your chatterbox change directions. (*Demonstrate for the kids.*)

With a friend, play with your chatterbox! First, ask your friend to pick one of the outside words. Move your fingers to spell that word. Then, your friend will pick a number. Move your chatterbox that many times. Finally, your friend will pick another number. Open your chatterbox to reveal the fruit of the Spirit that is under that number. Ask your friend, “How can you show ____?” and then name the fruit. If your friend chooses “love/kindness,” pick one or the other when you ask your question. Let’s get together in pairs and play!

Keep It Going: Continue to rotate pairs, allowing kids to interact with new friends. Allow kids to decorate their chatterboxes.

Leader Tip: Interact with kids to help them brainstorm ways to show the different concepts.

Loud And Clear: These things listed on your chatterboxes are all amazing ways we can point others to God. But the best part is that we don’t have to show them on our own. The Bible tells us that when we trust and follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit will help us show things like love, kindness, and goodness. He helps us grow in our faith. Why? Because God designed us for a purpose—to point others to Him! Use your chatterbox to ask other friends and family members these same questions. Talk with them about the incredible purpose God has for us!

Discussion Questions:

- What are some different kinds of plants? How can you tell if they are growing or not? (Allow kids time to share and share your own thoughts.)
- What are some ways you can tell if people are growing? (Answers may include they get taller, they can do new things, they learn new things, and so forth.)
- A houseplant grows when it has strong roots planted in good soil. We can grow in our faith when we have strong roots in Jesus! What are some ways you can tell people are growing in their faith? (Answers may include they follow what the Bible says, they enjoy spending time with God, they invite others to church, they are kind and loving, they forgive others, and so forth.)
- The Bible tells us we are designed for a purpose, and we can grow in our faith! Let's open our Bibles to Galatians 5:22-23 and read about it together. See if there is a word or sentence that stands out to you. (Invite kids to open up their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.) What is a word or sentence that stands out to you in this passage? (Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)
- God loves us so much; He helps us grow in our faith! When we trust and follow Him, we can produce the kind of fruit that points others to Him. Let's look at the words listed in Galatians 5 one at a time. Do you have any ideas of how you can show each of these: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and
- self-control? (Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)
- When we follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit helps us grow in our faith. When we grow, people notice! People who follow Jesus become more like Him because the Holy Spirit changes them. Do you have any questions about following Jesus or anything you want to share about how you have grown in your faith? (Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)

Bible Story Recap- Say This In the Bible today, we learned how following Jesus means we can grow in our faith and be more like Him. When we show through our words and actions that we love God, we shine a bright light into the world that needs to know that God loves them!

Going Home

Pass out the coloring pages for kids to take home. Greet families as they arrive and tell them something about their child you saw today. Say goodbye and call everyone by name.