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 **Galatians 5:23; John 8:1-11**

**Leader Devo**

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**Teachers Dig In**

**Dig In to the Bible**

- Read: Galatians 5:23; John 8:1-11
- In This Passage: Trying to trap Jesus, religious leaders bring him a woman who was caught in sin. The law says she should be stoned to death. Jesus handles the situation with gentleness, not condoning the sin but sending her accusers away and treating her gently.
- Bible Point: Gentleness is a fruit of the Spirit.
- Summary Verse: “But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!” (Galatians 5:22-23).

**Dig Deeper**

- You’ll Be Teaching: *Gentleness is a fruit of the Spirit.* Gentleness can seem weak to some kids. In a world that values strength and courage (which are good qualities, too!), gentleness can seem so mild. But Jesus’ gentleness wasn’t weak. It empowered him to handle a tough situation in a way that showed care and compassion. It took courage and strength for Jesus to be so gentle!
- Think About: Think of someone you know who’s gentle. What do you like about that person?

**Dig In to Prayer**

- Ask God to help *you* demonstrate gentleness, even when your kids are driving you crazy!

**Quick Tip**

- Take some tips from Jesus’ gentleness. While the religious leaders called out someone’s mistake in front of everyone, Jesus didn’t talk to her about her sin until her accusers had left. At that point, he showed love and forgiveness by saying he didn’t condemn her, and it was probably those words that empowered her to “go and sin no more.” When you have discipline problems in class, show gentleness. Don’t call kids out in front of everyone; talk to them privately without judgment, expressing what you hope to see in them.