LESSON 5: THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT—LOVE

AIM: To show that the Holy Spirit gives us love that shows itself in actions and everyday living. God enables us to love those who hurt and hate us as well as those who love us. God's love always overcomes evil.

OPENING IDEA: LOVE MEANS HELPING

Preparation: Fill a suitcase with heavy objects such as books or bricks. Place it along one side of the room where a child will have some distance to carry it.

This morning, I need someone to help me. Who would like to? (Allow time for the children to volunteer, then choose one of the smallest, someone obviously too small to handle the heavy suitcase.) I'm glad so many want to help. I think I'll ask ……. to help today. ……., would you please bring me that suitcase over there? (Wait for child to get suitcase. As soon as they try to lift it, continue, addressing the child).

What's the problem, ……..? Is it too heavy? Well, maybe we need one or two more helpers. (Choose two other children, this time picking someone strong enough to carry the case.) ……. and …….., will you please help too? (Wait until they get to the case, have them bring it to you.)

That was much easier, wasn't it? It was just too heavy for ………. to lift alone. And if you knew what was in the case, you'd know why. I filled it with bricks, just to make it very heavy. That way we could see that we would have to ask for help. This teaches us something about love, because love means helping. Of course, sometimes it seems we don't like to help each other. If someone does something wrong, we make fun of them, or them others about them. We criticize each other, or find fault with each other, or think we're better than one another. That doesn't show much love, does it? That's not helping at all.

But that's why Jesus came. He came to forgive our sins. He loved us so much that He came to be our Helper. He helped us by taking away our sins and giving us his strength when we need it. We don't have to criticize each other or make fun of one another or tell on each other. Jesus took those sins away so we can love and help each other. Jesus has rescued us from thinking only about ourselves, or from thinking too highly of ourselves. That's the way he helps us; that's the way we start helping others.

Have children suggest practical ways they can show their love to others.
MEMORY VERSE: Romans 5:5

For God has poured out His love into our hearts by means of the Holy Spirit who is God’s gift to us. (Romans 5:5)

ACTIVITIES:
1. Make a Good News frisbee (see next page)
2. Make a card (see page 3)
3. Gift Box—cut out opening on 3 sides of box. Glue onto a sheet of white page. Write the memory verse in the opening.

NOTE: This series of lessons on the fruit of the Spirit can be displayed in poster form with a tree and different pieces of fruit being added each week.

Write the following verse on the poster and give opportunity for the children to say the verse each week:

But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, He will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22,23).

It is important that the children understand that we first must be saved before the Holy Spirit can control our lives.

Encourage the children each week to put into practice these ‘fruit’. Ask for feedback and testimonies each week.
Make a **GOOD NEWS FRISBEE**

Use Scriptures such as:
- Matthew 28:18-20 - The Great Commission
- 1 Corinthians 13:8 - Love never fails

**Materials**
- Paper plate
- Markers or crayons in assorted colors
- Scissors

**Directions**
1. Cut the rim off a plate, being careful to leave the rim intact.
2. Write “Jesus Loves You” around the rim and decorate it.
3. Toss the rim as a Frisbee back and forth to a friend, telling each other “Jesus loves you” as you do so.

**Suggestions:**
1. Use the whole paper plate for a Frisbee.
2. Write other Bible verses you would like to share on the Frisbee.
After Jesus rose again and ascended to heaven, the Holy Spirit came and gave the believers His gifts as promised (Acts 2:33).

Following Jesus in through the waters of baptism (Acts 2:38, 39)

Sharing a meal together (Acts 1:4)

Power to pray (Acts 1:14, 4:23-31)

Power to speak in other languages (Acts 1:5, 2:4)

Sharing their belongings (Acts 4:32-35)

Healing the sick, perform miracles (Acts 5:12-16)

Boldly telling others the Good News! (Acts 2:14:21, 4:12)

Good-ness

Faith-fulness

Self-control

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience

Kind-ness

Gentleness

Gentleness

Good-ness

Faith-fulness

Self-control

Gentleness
Use the code found in the small hearts to decode this message that tells us how much
INSTRUCTIONS
1. Cut out ten squares — nine fruit and one front cover.
2. Fold a piece of card 8cmx50cm into five 10cm sections.
3. Glue the front cover onto the top ‘page’.
4. Glue the nine fruit onto each folded section until all ‘pages’ are covered.
5. Fill in the missing words.
6. Look in Galatians 5:22-23 to find the correct order for the fruit.
**Kindness**
"Be kind to one another, forgiving each other, as Christ forgave you."
(Ephesians 4:32)

**Gentleness**
"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."
(Matthew 11:29)

**Goodness**
"Surely good and love will follow me all the days of my life."
(Psalm 23:6)

**Self-Control**
"Make every effort to add to your faith, self-control."
(2 Peter 1:5)

**Faithfulness**
"This is a faithful saying: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - of whom I am the worse."
(1 Timothy 1:15)
The GOOD NEWS ... GOD LOVES YOU!

1. MAN

ETERNAL DEATH
1. All have sinned (Rom. 3:23)
2. The wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23)
3. Judgment is certain (Heb. 9:27)
   *Man's heart is deceptive

Jer. 17:9
Mark 7:21-22

GOD

SIN SEPARATES MAN FROM GOD

ETERNAL LIFE

HELL (Rev. 21:8)

2. GOD

ETERNAL DEATH
Man's own works cannot bridge the gulf.

Ephesians 2 v 8-9
II Timothy 1 v 9
Titus 3 v 5

GOOD DEEDS
GOOD MORALS
EDUCATION
RELIGION

GOD

IS THERE A WAY OUT? — ANY HOPE?
3. **YES, GOD'S GOOD NEWS IS THE GOSPEL.** 1 Cor. 15:3-4
   1. Christ died for our sins
   2. He was buried
   3. He rose again

**BELIEVE**

**REPENT AND BELIEVE**

**THE GOSPEL.** Mark 1:15

**REPENT**
- To turn from your sin and go God's way.

**BELIEVE**
- To put your trust totally in Christ for everything that pertains to your salvation.
- Look to Christ and lean fully upon Him as your Saviour.
- He is the only one who can rescue you from your sinful state.

**GOD'S SOLUTION THROUGH JESUS**

**GOOD DEEDS**

**GOOD MORALS**

**EDUCATION**

**RELIGION**

**JESUS CHRIST is the BRIDGE between MAN and GOD**

**John 14:6**

**Romans 6:6-10**

**1 Peter 3:18**

**Colossians 1:20-22**

**ETERNAL LIFE & SECURITY**

**John 10:27-30**

**1 John 5:9-12**

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4. **GOD'S GOOD NEWS IS OPEN FOR ALL HUMANITY**

**John 5:24**  **John 3:16-18**  **John 1:12**

**Rom. 10:9-10**  **1 John 1:9**

**REPRESENT**

**BELIEVE**

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**GOOD DEEDS**

**GOOD MORALS**

**EDUCATION**

**RELIGION**

**GOD'S RICHES AT CHRIST'S EXPENSE**

**EPHESIANS 1:3: 2:8-10**

- **ETERNAL LIFE** John 5:24
- **FORGIVENESS** 1 John 1:9
- **RECONCILIATION** Colossians 1:21-22
- **JUSTIFICATION** Romans 4:25
- **NEW CREATION** 2 Corinthians 5:17
- **PEACE & FREEDOM** Romans 5:1-2
- **VICTORY OVER SATAN** Heb. 2:14-15
GOD’S GIFT OF LOVE, THE HOLY SPIRIT
1. Cut along the dotted line around three sides to make a window.
2. Glue a sheet of white paper or card to the back of this page.
3. Open the window and write the memory verse on the white sheet.
4. Cut around the gift box.
5. Memorize the verse and keep it stored up in your heart
Greater LOVE has no man than to lay down his life for his friends.

(John 15:13)

Cut out both shapes and glue them back to back.
The JOY of the Lord is your Strength
(Nehemiah 8:10)
Let the PEACE of God rule your heart

(Colossians 3:15)
Be PATIENT with everyone

1 Thessalonians 5:14
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