

**June 16**  
**9:00am & 11:00am**  
*Three and Four Year Olds*  
**THE HOLY SPIRIT CHANGES US**  
(Galatians 5)

**CHRIST CONNECTION:** The Holy Spirit changes us so that we want to obey God, and He gives us power to obey. The Holy Spirit helps us as we share the gospel in all the world.

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** How does the Holy Spirit help Christians? *The Holy Spirit comforts us, shows us our sin, and guides us as we live for God's glory.*

**KEY PASSAGE:** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, Galatians 5:22

**Key Passage Phrase:** God's Spirit helps us be like Jesus.

## **LEARN**

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

### **1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY**

Tell preschoolers your favorite fruit. Do a quick survey to see what kind of fruits they like to eat the most.

**SAY** *Hi friends! Great to see you today. You know what I love? Fruit. \_\_\_\_ fruit is actually my favorite. Do you have a favorite fruit? Raise your hand if you like apples. Oranges? Grapes? Anyone love kiwi? Today, we will learn about a kind of fruit that is produced by the Holy Spirit in the lives of people who trust in Jesus. It's not fruit you can eat. Let's find out more.*

### **2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.**

\*9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.\*

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

*If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline at the end of this guide.*

### **3. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER**

**SAY** *This is our last session for this big picture question: How does the Holy Spirit help Christians? Do you remember the answer? The Holy Spirit comforts us, shows us our sin, and guides us as we live for God's glory. He produces the fruit of the Spirit in us and guides us to be more like Jesus.*

### **4. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE**

Place the key passage marker at Galatians 5:22-23. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Practice the key passage with motions a few times, and then invite preschoolers to attempt to say the verse from memory.

**SAY** *Our key passage is from a book of the Bible called Galatians, and that is also where our story comes from today! This book is actually a letter Paul wrote to the Christians in a city called Galatia.*

### **5. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY**

Review today's Bible story by asking the following review questions.

1. What did you like about the Bible story? (*Preschoolers' answers will vary.*)
2. Paul was a missionary. What does that mean? (*A missionary is a person God chooses to go and tell people about Jesus.*)
3. Should Christians follow God's ways because they have to or because they want to? (*The Holy Spirit changes the hearts of people who follow Jesus so that they want to obey God.*)
4. Can you name a fruit of the Spirit? (*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*)

**5. How does the Holy Spirit help Christians? The Holy Spirit comforts us, shows us our sin, and guides us as we live for God's glory.**

**SAY** Paul wrote a letter to Christians in Galatia so that they would not believe lies about following God. People were telling them that they had to follow God's rules to be a Christian. Paul taught them that the Holy Spirit guides Christians to want to follow God and to obey Him. The Holy Spirit is still with Christians today, guiding us, giving us the power to obey, and helping us share the good news of Jesus.

**6. PRAY**

Invite preschoolers to tell you any prayer requests they have. Pray for them.

**SAY** Dear God, we know we cannot keep all Your rules. We sin and make wrong choices. Thank You for sending Jesus to die for our sin and rise again so we can trust in Him and be forgiven. Thank You for also sending the Holy Spirit to guide us and change us to want to obey Your rules. Amen.

**ACTIVITIES**

(CHOOSE ONE OR ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES BELOW)

**SORT "HAVE TO" FROM "WANT TO"**

Gather preschoolers in the middle of the room. Share with them that you are going to call out something that people do. When they hear the action, ask them to go to one side of the room if they feel like they have to do it, and to go to the other side if they want to do it. Example statements include "Clean your room"; "Have fun with friends"; "Play soccer"; "Watch TV"; "Take a nap."

**SAY** Sometimes we only do things we are asked to do because we have to. Other times, we really want to do whatever is being suggested. The people in today's story were being told that they had to obey all of God's laws. We all know that God's ways are best and that we should follow His rules because He is God, but we also know that no one but Jesus can perfectly keep the law. When we follow Jesus, we want to make choices that make Jesus happy.

**SHOUT FREEDOM**

Teach preschoolers to play freeze tag. When *It* tags another preschooler, he freezes in place until tagged by another person. Instruct preschoolers that when the frozen preschooler is tagged, he will shout "freedom" before running again. Play outside if weather and your church's policies allow. If you play inside, choose a large space if available or consider instructing preschoolers to walk instead of run.

**SAY** It felt good to be set free from being frozen, didn't it? Paul said that we are not slaves to the rules of the Bible. Those who trust in Jesus have been set free from that. We want to listen to God and do what He says because of our love for Him.

**COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE** (please send this home with parents)

As children color, emphasize the Christ Connection

**SAY** The Holy Spirit changes us so that we want to obey God, and He gives us power to obey. The Holy Spirit helps us as we tell others about Jesus.

**OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE**

Open your Bible to Galatians 5 and tell the following Bible story. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

**THE HOLY SPIRIT CHANGES US**

**Paul was a missionary. He traveled to tell people the good news about Jesus.** One of the places Paul traveled to was Galatia. After Paul visited, he learned that the believers in Galatia had been listening to false teachers. They started to believe things that were not true. Some of the teachers were saying that Christians must follow the old laws of Moses in order to be saved.

**Paul wrote a letter to the Galatians.** He told them not to listen to those teachers. He did not want them to feel like slaves to rules. **"We have freedom because of Jesus," Paul wrote.** We are saved from our sin when we have faith in Jesus. **This is a free gift that we cannot earn by trying to do good things.**

***Paul wrote in his letter that God changes people who trust in Jesus. God gives believers the Holy Spirit, who guides them and gives them power to be more like Jesus. The Holy Spirit changes how we think and act. When the Holy Spirit is in control, people have love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These things are the fruit of the Spirit—proof that the Holy Spirit is in someone—like how a healthy tree produces fruit. This fruit is pleasing to God.***

*Christ Connection: The Holy Spirit changes us so that we want to obey God, and He gives us power to obey. The Holy Spirit helps us as we share the gospel in all the world.*

## **DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS**

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

**June 16**  
**9:00am & 11:00am**  
*Two Year Olds*  
**THE HOLY SPIRIT CHANGES US**  
(Galatians 5)

**CHRIST CONNECTION:** The Holy Spirit changes us so that we want to obey God, and He gives us power to be like Jesus.

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** How do we know God wants us to know Him? We know God wants us to know Him because He shows Himself through the Bible.

**KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:** God's Spirit helps us be like Jesus. Galatians 5:22

## LEARN

*(CIRCLE TIME ON THE RUG)*

### 1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Tell preschoolers your favorite fruit. Do a quick survey to see what kind of fruits they like to eat the most.

**SAY** *Hi friends! Great to see you today. You know what I love? Fruit. \_\_\_\_ fruit is actually my favorite. Do you have a favorite fruit? Raise your hand if you like apples. Oranges? Grapes? Anyone love kiwi? Today, we will learn about a kind of fruit that is produced by the Holy Spirit in the lives of people who trust in Jesus. It's not fruit you can eat. Let's find out more.*

### 2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date  
(If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

*If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline at the end of this guide.*

### 3. LEARN AND PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the key passage phrase marker at Galatians 5:22. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Encourage preschoolers to do the following motions when saying the key passage phrase: God's Spirit (*point upward*) gives us love (*cross arms over your chest like a hug*), joy (*point to your mouth and make a big smile*), and peace (*fold hands*) like Jesus (*point upward*). Galatians 5:22 (*Open hands like opening a Bible.*)

**SAY** *Jesus left earth and returned to heaven. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us do God's work on earth while we wait for Him to come again. The Holy Spirit gives us love, joy, and peace.*

## ACTIVITIES

### PLAY "SIMON SAYS"

Gather children and play a simple game of "Simon Says." Direct the children to jump up and down, stand on one foot, touch their elbows, wiggle their noses, and so forth. Periodically leave off the words "Simon Says." Choose one child who did not follow your instructions as the new leader and have him call out new directions. Review the Bible story.

**SAY** *Paul told the people who trusted in Jesus not to listen to teachers who said things that were not true. Paul reminded the people that when we follow Jesus, we do not have to try to earn God's love by following rules. Who helps us follow Jesus? Yes! God does!*

### COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the GOSPEL GEMS below:

- Paul wrote a letter to people who trust in Jesus.
- Paul said God gives believers the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit helps us be more like Jesus.

## OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

Open the Bible to Galatians 5 and tell the following Bible story:

Paul wrote a letter to people in Galatia who trusted in Jesus. He told them not to listen to teachers who said things that were not true. Paul wanted them to remember that when we follow Jesus, we do not have to try to earn God's love by following rules. Jesus saves us from our sin when we trust in Him. Paul wrote in his letter that God changes people who trust in Jesus. He gives people the Holy Spirit, who changes how we think and act. The Holy Spirit helps us be more like Jesus.

**Check diapers and release toddlers to parents according to security procedures. Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.**