

Acts-Revelation

Galatians

Gal. 2:20; 5:22, 6:9-10

Younger Verse

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22

Older Verse

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. There is no law that says these things are wrong. Galatians 5:22

Welcome Time

Paul talked to his friends about what they believed in today's lesson. He wanted to make sure they believed the truth about Jesus.

Bible Story

*The following is a summary of the Bible story to help you with your preparation. It is **NOT** to be read to the children. Instead, use your Bible to explain the story. Make a note page to help you remember your plans for the lesson or questions you wanted to ask.*

Paul wrote many letters to his friends who were Christians. He wanted them to learn more and more about Jesus. Back then, writing letters was the best way to tell somebody something. They did not have a post office to deliver the mail. Friends or family who were going that way would deliver the letters. It was quite exciting to get a letter because it could take days or weeks to receive one!

One time, Paul sat down and wrote a letter to people who lived in an area called Galatia. He was concerned about them. After he had left them, other people came to visit and told them that they must do other things in addition to believing in Jesus in order for them to go to Heaven. Paul was very sad that someone would do this. Paul shared with his friends again what it meant to follow Jesus and be a Christian.

Paul told them that they do NOT have to follow rules or do special things to go to Heaven. He shared that the only way to go to Heaven is by believing in Jesus, asking Jesus to forgive their wrongs, and following Him. Paul explained that Jesus would stay with them forever and take them to Heaven one day.

Paul explained that once we believe in Jesus, He lives in us and we should live our life trusting in Jesus Christ and following Him.

Lesson Goals

Share how a person goes to Heaven
Explain the fruit of the Spirit

Paul also wrote to his friends about the attitudes they should have. Their lives should be filled with God's Spirit. We should show love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. God can help us have these attitudes and care for others just as Jesus did.

He also told his friends to do good things to help others and not be "weary" or tired about doing them. He shared that God would take care of them and help them just as they helped others.

Paul loved his friends and wanted them to see that Jesus is the only way to Heaven. He took time to write this important book of the Bible to help Christians see that only Jesus can get us to Heaven, not any special things we do. Now, it is important to help others and do good. However, we can never be good enough to get to Heaven on our own because we have all done wrong (sinned). This separates us from God. When Jesus died on the cross, He took our punishment. If we believe in Jesus and ask Him to forgive our wrongs, Jesus will make us clean and pure. Jesus promises to take us to Heaven one day. You see, Jesus is the only way for us to go to Heaven. We must believe in Him alone and follow Him. If you want to know how you can believe in Jesus, talk to us about it and we will pray with you.

Learning Activities

Talk about the lesson and beliefs that the kids may have. Be sure they all understand the truth of the Bible.

Memory Verse Activities

Play balloon volleyball using today's verse. As each person hits the balloon, they must say part of the verse (or a word of the verse). Continue until the whole verse is said.

Prayer Time

Ask God to help us show the fruit of the Spirit to others.

Clean Up/Snack time

Bring fun fruit to share for today's lesson.

Planning for August 22nd
Ephesians
The Armor of God

Preschool Lesson
For
Galatians

Paul wrote many letters to his friends who believed in Jesus. He wanted them to learn more and more about Jesus. Back then, writing letters was the best way to tell somebody something. They did not have a post office to deliver the mail, like we do. Friends or family who were traveling that way would deliver the letters. It was quite exciting to get a letter because it could take days or weeks to receive one!

One time, Paul sat down and wrote a letter to people who lived in an area called Galatia. He wanted to make sure they knew that Jesus was the only way to Heaven. He wrote and wrote to them to make sure they read their Bibles and knew just what God said.

Paul loved his friends very much. He knew that they needed to grow and grow in learning about Jesus. He told them to remember all the things that Jesus said and tell others about Jesus' love.

God wants us to help others know about Jesus and love them.

Sing, "Jesus in the morning." Pray and ask God to help us tell others about Him.

Hands-On Activities For Galatians

Galatians 2:20 is a very important verse. Share it with your kids and help them learn and memorize it!

“I myself no longer live, but Christ lives in me. So I live my life in this earthly body by trusting God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” New Living Translation

Have fun talking about the “Fruit of the Spirit.” Try different activities to help the kids learn the 9 qualities that they should have!

Galatians 6:9-10 talks about doing good to others. Talk with the kids and think of an activity to do something good for others. Get the kids involved and **DO IT!**

In Galatians 6: 11 Paul shares how he is writing with “Big letters.” Take time to write the verse using **BIG LETTERS!**

Galatians is a book in the Bible that helps Christians see that they can only get to Heaven by believing in Jesus. It is not about obeying every little “law” or doing as many good things as possible. We must believe in Jesus, ask Him to forgive our wrongs and pray to ask Him to come into our life. You may have students today that want to know more about how they can believe in Jesus.
