


Living A Fruitful Life (Lesson 1)

Perseverance

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LESSON OBJECTIVE

After completing this lesson, the children will understand that some things in life take time and extra effort, but Jesus gives us all the help we need, even special people to care for us.

Bulletin Board Idea: [Pear Up With Jesus](#)

AS KIDS ARRIVE (10 minutes)

Write this question on the board: **Who do you ask for help?**

Below the question, start off by giving one example such as “teachers”. As each child arrives have them go to the board and add to the list. Other examples may be “parents”, “Jesus”, “grandparents”, “police officer”, “Sunday school teacher”, etc. After everyone has had a chance to add to the list, discuss several of the people they chose. Ask the kids at what age they think they can make decisions on their own without needing help from each of the persons shown on the list. Ask also which people spend the most time teaching and training kids?

Explain that as little children, it is hard to be on your own, without help from parents or other adults. Kids need to be taught for many years how to make right decisions. For the parents and teachers, this takes perseverance and love.

OPENING PRAYER AND PRAISES (5 minutes) Further info? [Click Here](#)

MEMORY WORK (12 minutes)

Before memorizing this verse, take some time to discuss the key words: perseverance, mature, complete, and not lacking. **"Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." James 1: 4 NIV**

SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION (15 minutes)

Introduction:

Show bag of fig bars to the kids. Everyone knows what these are right? Not cookies, fruit and cake as the commercial says. Actually these are filled with a fruit called fig. You have probably never seen a fig tree. And most likely the only time you ate a fig was in one of these fig bars. But in Jesus' time, people ate a lot of figs, which is important to know because good figs are hard to grow. Most fruit trees bear fruit every year with very little care, but the fig tree may take years before it produces any figs. And for the figs to taste good, it takes extra effort, fertilizer and tender care. Before we eat these fig bars, let's read about one poor fig tree.

Luke 13:6-9 (Parable of the Fig Tree)

Have two volunteers read this short parable, one kids to be the owner, the other the caretaker. After the discussion question, give each child a few fig bars to enjoy.

Discussion Questions:

1. How long did the fig tree owner wait to see figs growing on his tree? (Three years)
2. What did the caretaker say he would do to help the tree grow figs? (Dig around it and fertilize it)
3. Can you name some things in your life that are difficult and require perseverance?

(School work, chores, younger brother or sister)

4. What are the results of perseverance?

5. Do you think there were good figs on the tree the next year? Why?

CLASS EXERCISES (10 minutes)

Line of Perseverance (Game) [Click Here](#)

ALTERNATE CLASS EXERCISE (5 minutes)

Sanding Rough Edges (Object Talk) [Click Here](#)

APPLICATION (4 minutes)

It is difficult to learn how to be on your own. That is why we have teachers and parents. Imagine what it would be like if when you were five years old, your mom and dad said, we're done, you're on your own now. What would you do? Your parents know what it means to persevere. That's why they make sure you're ready to be on your own before they let you go. Things aren't always easy. But the more difficult something is, the more you can appreciate the accomplishment. Weren't those fig bars good?

NEXT WEEK

Don't miss next week. We will learn about a very very tiny creature, that is perhaps the hardest working creature in the whole world.

CLOSING PRAYER (2 minutes) Further info? [Click Here](#)