

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



SMALL GROUP GUIDE

1. GOD'S ANIMAL

- Tell the children that it is time to learn about God's animal, the wolf, and how they show goodness!
- Play the video for the children.
- Tell the kids that they are going to play a game where they pretend to be wolves! They will pretend that they are a pack of wolves that are storing up food for the winter.
- The kids close their eyes for 10-15 seconds, while the teacher hides the play food around the room.
- Once the teacher has hidden the fruit, the kids have to work together (like wolves) to find the fruit. As they look for the fruit, remind the kids to show goodness to their friends by helping each other find the fruit, just like a wolf shows goodness to its family/pack.
- Play until it is time for the next activity.

2. BIBLE VERSE

- Hold up the Bible verse page and go over what each picture means with the children. Have them repeat it after you a few times.
- Get out the Bible verse cards and the basket. Place the cards face down on the floor/table. Some of the cards will have Bible verse pictures on them, and some will have silly pictures.
- When you say so, have all the kids pick up a card and flip it over. If they get a silly picture, have them put the picture in the basket. If they get a Bible verse picture, have them put it down in the middle of the group. Help the kids put the pictures in the right order.
- For more fun, you could spread the pictures around on the floor and have the kids run around to collect them and get them in the right order or into the basket.
- If you have younger kids, you may want to have the kids flip over their card one at a time while you all decide together if that is a Bible verse picture or not.

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3. GROUP GAME

- Tell the kids that they are going to play a game called "Follow the Leader!"
- Remind the kids that when the bad army couldn't see, Elisha lead them to Israel and then fed them and sent them home.
- Tell the kids that they are going to follow you and that they have to mimic everything you do!
- Lead the kids around the room and have them follow you in a straight line. Periodically, start hopping, zig-zagging, crawling, etc. Have them copy you as you move around!
- If you have limited room, you can play this game by sitting in a circle and having the kids copy your actions (e.g., patting your head, clapping your hands, patting the ground, etc.) You can also play it as one large group if desired!

4. CRAFT

1. Hand out the craft pages to the children with five glue dots already placed on the chariot (to stick the tissue on).
2. Have the kids stick five crumpled tissue squares to their chariots on the glue dots (to represent fire).
3. Place the glitter markers in the center of the group to color the angel's wings with!
4. Write each child's name on the back of their craft page.

