

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 eagle, and how they are faithful to their families!
- Play the video for the children.
- Tell the kids that eagles are faithful, and they always return to their nest with their families. Then, tell them that we are going to play a game where we pretend to be an eagle and need to get back to their nest!
- Have the children and other volunteers stand on one end of the room. Then, you stand on the other end of the room on an oilcloth mat (the nest).
- One at a time, call out some descriptions of the kids and have them flap their wings and fly to the nest. (For example: "If you have on a red shirt, fly to the nest! If your name is George, fly to the nest!" Etc.)
- Once all the "birds are in the nest," tell the kids that they did a good job being faithful and getting back to their nests! Have all the kids "fly back" to the other side of the room and play again.

2. BIBLE VERSE

- Hold up the Bible verse page and go over what each picture means.
- Once the kids have a good understanding of what the memory verse means, grab your bag of items and tell the kids that it is time to play a game.
- Tell them that you are going to pull something out of the bag and that they need to say the verse with you like that specific thing. (e.g., If you pull out a dinosaur, they need to say the verse like a dinosaur would!)
- Feel free to have the kids get up and move to act like whatever you pull out of the bag to help get some wiggles out! To add some extra participation, have the kids pull the items out of the bag for you!

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3. CRAFT

1. Give each child a party horn and set out the sticker pages.
2. Have the kids decorate their horns with the stickers, and tell them that we will use our horns like the Israelites to knock down the walls of Jericho!
3. Write each child's name on their horn with a sharpie.

4. GROUP GAME

- While you talk with the kids about how God was so faithful to help Joshua and the Israelites defeat the walls of Jericho, and have some workers in the room set up boxes to make "Jericho" in the center of the room.

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- Tell the kids that they are going to play a game where they get to march around the walls of Jericho, just like the Israelites!
- Help the kids get into a line. As they are getting into a line, tell the kids that they are going to pretend that they are Joshua and his army marching around the walls of Jericho. Have them hold the horns that they made for craft time, but tell them not to blow them until the seventh time around the wall!
- Start marching with the kids around the wall, and loudly count the times you have gone around the wall as you go to help the kids keep track.
- On the seventh time around, have the kids blow their horns and cheer! Then, have a worker in the room tear the walls down.
- Cheer together and talk about how faithful God was to the Israelites!