

Book of Galatians

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<p>Preparation: <i>(What I need to do and items to gather before I begin to teach.)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bibles to use in class
<p>Lesson Title:</p>	<p>The New Testament Book of Galatians Continue <i>your NEW Testament Wall display by hanging the “Galatians” wall card.</i></p>
<p>Scripture Reference(s):</p>	<p>Galatians 5:22-26 The Fruit of the Spirit</p>
<p>Emphasis or Theme:</p>	<p>SAVED BY GOD’S GRACE</p>
<p>Introducing the Story: <i>(What you might say or do before the story to help create an interest or curiosity.)</i></p>	<p><i>(Hang your “Galatians” wall card on your New Testament wall display.)</i> SAY: The Book of Galatians was written by apostle Paul - the same apostle who wrote the Book of Romans and 1 & 2 Corinthians. Galatians is the fourth of Paul’s letters. Of the 27 New Testament books, Paul wrote 13.</p>
<p>LESSON: Telling the Story Through the Bible: <i>(Outline the story here. Then describe the method you will use to tell the story. Examples might include showing pictures, props, visuals, drawing as you tell, using puppets, costumed characters, dramatic story-telling or any number of other methods.)</i></p>	<p>SAY: Paul is angry. Some false teacher has pressured the churches in Galatia (a region in the Roman Empire) to follow the Jewish Law. They’re teaching that salvation comes through the Law of Moses, and not through Christ—the exact opposite of what Paul had taught them. So Paul writes a letter to bring them back to the truth.</p> <p>This letter isn’t about Paul’s ego or preferences: it’s about understanding <u>why</u> Jesus had to die and <u>how</u> it affects us.</p> <p>The Jews had been living under the Law since the days of Moses. The Law was a set of expectations for God’s people: commands that, when followed, would distinguish Israel from all other nations as a people that belonged to God. But the people of Israel couldn’t keep the Law because it was so difficult to obey! Everyone was a sinner. So God sent Jesus.</p> <p>Jesus lived the Law, died for our sins, and rose again—He fulfilled the Law. The verse that demonstrates this best and the theme of this book is Galatians 5:1, which reads: <i>“It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.”</i> Jesus is the true way to salvation and not the Law of Moses.</p> <p>The Galatians’ new teacher completely disregards and disrespects God’s grace, Christ’s sacrifice, and the Holy Spirit’s work. That’s why Paul is so upset. This book explains the believer’s new relationship with God:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are freed from sin. • We are freed from the Law. • We are adopted as children of God. • We are counted as spiritual children of Abraham, whether we are Jews or non-Jews. • We are all empowered by the Holy Spirit to do good works, something sin prevented us from doing and the Law never enabled us to do. <p>Christ’s death is important, and Paul won’t let anyone forget it!</p> <p>Although we are being changed, we still sin. Paul explains how the Holy Spirit works in</p>

	us to battle our sinful desires. It is in Galatians that we find the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23). Truly, if we can remember the Fruit of the Holy Spirit, salvation is just a “bite” away!
Learning Activities: <i>(Games, crafts artwork, songs, memory verses, or other activities that bring fuller meaning to the scripture or make application to the lives of the students.)</i>	ACTIVITY: 1. Bible Scripture Relay 2. Thanksgiving Bible Scripture Turkey activity 3. Fruit of the Holy Spirit bowl
Review: <i>(Solidify learning by repeating facts, themes, or even the story itself through games, crafts, activities, or visual aides.)</i>	1. The Book of Galatians was written by which apostle? PAUL 2. Why is Paul angry when he writes his letter? False teachers are teaching that salvation comes from the Law of Moses, and not through Jesus. 3. How many Fruit of the Holy Spirit are there? 9 4. Name the 9 Fruit of the Holy Spirit. love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control
Closing: <i>(Prayer, last song, . . .)</i>	“Take a bite” out of the Fruit of the Holy Sprit this week . . . it will lead to salvation! Recite: <i>Hayr Mer</i>