## My Sunday School Lesson Plan - Younger Grades

## **Book of Galatians**

DATE: November 24, 2019

<b>Preparation:</b> (What I need to do and items to gather before I begin to teach.)	Bibles to use in class
Lesson Title:	The New Testament Book of Galatians Continue your NEW Testament Wall display by hanging the "Galatians" wall card.
Scripture Reference(s):	Galatians 5:22-26 The Fruit of the Spirit
Emphasis or Theme:	SAVED BY GOD'S GRACE
Introducing the Story: (What you might say or do before the story to help create an interest or curiosity.)	(Hang your "Galatians" wall card on your New Testament wall display.)  SAY: The Book of Galatians was written by apostle Paul - the same apostle who wrote the Book of Romans and 1 & 2 Corinthians. Of the 27 New Testament books, Paul wrote 13.
LESSON: Telling the Story Through the Bible: (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.)	SAY: Paul is angry. And it all started in Galatia, which was a region in the Roman Empire. The people who lived in Galatia were called Galatians, which is the name of the book we are discussing today. (point to your "Galatians" wall card.)  SAY: Paul was mad because some false teacher was pressuring the churches to follow the Jewish Law. The Jewish Law taught people that salvation comes through the Law of Moses, and not through Jesus. But this was the exact opposite of what Paul had taught them. So Paul writes his Book of Galatians to correct all of this.
	ASK: What if you had to obey a law that was very hard to follow? For example, let's say there was a law that said, "You could only eat dinner if you fly like a bird." (Pause) SAY: There would be a lot of hungry people if that were the law for eating dinner! SAY: Well, the Laws at the time were a set of expectations for God's people that were almost impossible for people to follow. They were so very to obey and because no one was able to follow them, everyone was considered a sinner. So God sent Jesus. SAY: Because of Jesus, Christians were given a new way to live and it was a life of love and salvation through Jesus! Jesus died for our sins and rose again, giving us a new way of life. "It was for freedom that Christ set us free;" Galatians 5:1. Paul taught the people that Jesus is the true way to salvation and not the Law of Moses, which was what the false teacher was trying to teach.
	Paul's book of Galatians explains the new relationship with God for people who believe in Jesus:  • 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.  Christ's death is important, and Paul won't let anyone forget it!
	Although we are being changed, we still sin. Paul explains how the Holy Spirit works in us to battle our sinful desires. It is in Galatians that we find the <b>Fruit of the Spirit</b>

	(Galatians 5:22–23). Truly, if we can remember the Fruit of the Holy Spirit, salvation is just a "bite" away!
Learning Activities: (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.)	ACTIVITY:  1. Fruit of the Holy Spirit bowl 2. Thanksgiving Bible Scripture Turkey activity 3. Fruit of the Holy Spirit envelopes 4. "I am Thankful" Turkey activity 5. Fruit of the Holy Spirit Turkeys 6. Advent/Thanksgiving Turkey Headbands
<b>Review:</b> (Solidify learning by repeating facts, themes, or even the story itself through games, crafts, activities, or visual aides.)	<ol> <li>The Book of Galatians was written by which apostle? PAUL.</li> <li>How many Fruit of the Holy Spirit are there? 9</li> <li>Name the 9 Fruit of the Holy Spirit. love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control</li> <li>(Add your own!)</li> </ol>
Closing: (Prayer, last song,)	"Take a bite" out of the Fruit of the Holy Sprit this week it will lead to salvation! <b>Recite:</b> Hayr Mer