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Discovery of Grace



Introduction Activity (5 Minutes)

Option 1: Fruit Sampler

What You'll Need: Fruit, knife, trays, plastic silverware, napkins, and plates

PREP: Purchase a variety of fruit. Look for different kinds of fruit your kids may not have tried. Wash and prep the fruit to serve on trays during club. Keep in mind that there might be food allergies, so make sure to keep fruit separate.

STEP 1: Encourage kids to try an assortment of fruit.

STEP 2: After they have tried some of the fruit, ask the following questions:

- What are your favorite types of fruit?
- What were some fruits that were new to you?

STEP 3: Share these key concepts:

- Fruit is a byproduct of extra growth in the life of a fruit tree or plant.
- A healthy fruit tree or plant that is growing will automatically produce fruit.
- As we grow in grace in our Christian life, we will automatically produce fruit from the Holy Spirit in our lives.

STEP 4: Transition into the main lesson by opening in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you and your kids understand the importance of discovering God's grace in our lives.

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Option 2: Sniff Test

What You'll Need: Vinegar, glass jar or bottle with lid, glass containers with lids, cookies, pizza, cotton ball, perfume, blindfold, tablecloth

PREP: Place vinegar in a glass jar or bottle and close it tightly. Spray a cotton ball with perfume. Place several cookies, a slice of pizza, and the prepared cotton ball in separate glass containers with lids.

Place all the items on a table in front of the room. Cover with a large towel or tablecloth.

STEP 1: Ask for a volunteer who is willing to take a sniff test. Blindfold the volunteer and have him or her stand near the table. One by one, remove the lids of the containers or jar and see if the person can guess the contents inside. As time allows, pass around the containers and let the other kids smell the contents.

STEP 2: Ask the following questions:

- Did any of these scents remind you of something? If so, what?
- How did you feel when you smelled the vinegar? How did you feel when you smelled the cookie or the pizza?
- What was your favorite scent?

STEP 3: Share these key concepts:

- Our sense of smell is closely linked with our memory and emotions.
- A scent can easily trigger a memory or an emotion that we experienced long ago.
- Our lives are like a fragrance. Our attitudes or our actions give off an impression to other people. That's why it's important to make sure we display godly actions and attitudes.

STEP 4: Transition into the main lesson by opening in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you and your kids understand the importance of discovering God's grace in our lives.

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Main Lesson Activity (10 Minutes)

Option 1: Journey to God's Grace

What You'll Need: Bibles, T&T handbooks, Journey to God's Grace Handout, pens or pencils

(Leader's Note: Larger clubs may divide into smaller groups to complete the activity.)

PREP: Print copies of the Journey to God's Grace Handout, one copy per kid.

STEP 1: Read or recite this week's memory verse, Galatians 5:22-23. Repeat the verse a second time, pausing after each phrase.

Share these key concepts:

- As we discover God's grace and live out His grace in our lives, we will produce godly actions and attitudes.
- The Bible calls those attitudes "fruit."
- This fruit is produced as the Holy Spirit continues to work in our lives.
- The fruit that the Holy Spirit produces in our lives is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- Instead of trying to follow a list of rules or laws in our Christian lives, we should strive to grow in our relationship with God so that we produce this fruit in our lives.

STEP 2: Have kids work in pairs or groups, and assign a leader to each group. Give each pair or group a section of the Journey to God's Grace Handout to complete together, and encourage them to use their Bibles and handbooks as a guide. Ask leaders to offer help as needed.

STEP 3: After three minutes, have each pair or group present their answers. Encourage the kids to fill in their handouts as each group presents their information.

Share the following concepts:

- God's grace allows us to produce these attitudes in our lives. We are saved through God's grace in our lives (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- God's grace continues in our lives as we seek to know Jesus better and to be like Him (2 Peter 3:18).

- We can learn how to live out God's grace by spending time with Christians who display God's grace in how they live and act (Romans 1:8-12).
- God has a plan for our lives, and as we study and learn to appreciate God's Word, we will know this plan and be blessed with His abounding grace (Philippians 1:6, Ephesians 3:20-21).
- As we discover and grow in God's grace, we will grow spiritually (2 Peter 3:18).
- As we grow spiritually, we will produce spiritual fruit (Galatians 5:22-23).

STEP 4: Ask kids to look over their handout and to circle one step in which they need to work on. Then encourage them to pray silently, thanking God for His amazing, great grace.

STEP 5: Follow up with Lesson Application questions and Sum It Up statements from the Large Group Guide.

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Journey to God's Grace Handout

Step One: Accept Jesus as Savior (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Why is this the first step to discovering God's grace?

Step 2: Grow closer to Jesus (2 Peter 3:18).

What was Jesus like when He lived on earth? (Hint: Look through Unit 3 of your handbook!)

How can a kid your age learn more about Jesus?

Step Three: Study God's Word .

God's Word helps us know God's _____ for your life (Jeremiah 29:11).

God's Word helps us know God's _____ for our lives (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Step Four: Hang out with other Christians.

Read Romans 1:11-12. Why did Paul want to see his Christian friends?



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Main Lesson Activity (10 Minutes)

Option 2: Growing in Grace

What You'll Need: Bibles, T&T handbooks, 3x5 cards, pens or pencils

(Leader's Note: Larger clubs may divide into smaller groups to complete the activity.)

PREP: Bookmark the following references in a Bible: 2 Peter 3:18, Philippians 1:6, Romans 1:11-12.

STEP 1: Ask, "How does a fruit tree know how to produce fruit?" (Guide kids to see that a healthy, growing fruit tree will automatically produce fruit as a result of its growth.)

STEP 2: : Read or recite this week's memory verse, Galatians 5:22-23. Repeat the verse a second time, pausing after each phrase.

Share these key concepts:

- As we discover God's grace and live out His grace in our lives, we will produce godly actions and attitudes.
- The Bible calls those attitudes "fruit."
- This fruit is the results of us growing in our relationship with God.
- The fruit that the Holy Spirit produces in our lives is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- Instead of trying to follow a list of rules or laws in our Christian lives, we should strive to grow in God's grace so that we produce this fruit in our lives.

STEP 3: Ask a volunteer to read 2 Peter 3:18.

Share these key concepts:

- The first step to growing in God's grace is to know Jesus.
- We receive God's grace when we accept Jesus as Savior (Ephesians 2:8-9) and realize how much He loves us.
- God's grace continues in our lives as we grow closer to Jesus. The more we know Him and His love for us, the more our lives will change so that we are like Him and love other people with His love (2 Corinthians 3:18).

STEP 4: Ask a volunteer to read Philippians 1:6.

Share these key concepts:

- As we study God's Word, we will learn who Jesus is and how His love changes us.
- We will learn God's plan for us, and we can be confident in His work in our lives (Philippians 1:6).

STEP 5: Ask a volunteer to read Romans 1:11-12.

Share these key concepts:

- We grow in God's grace when we develop relationships with other Christians.
- We are strengthened and encouraged when we are around other Christians with godly attitudes.
- As we grow in our relationship with God and other believers, God's love shows up in our lives, and we will produce godly results. He will do amazing things through you as you continue to let the world discover God's grace in your life.

STEP 6: Give each kid a 3x5 card and a pen or pencil. Have kids look back through their T&T handbook from Section 4.7 and think about their own life. Encourage them to think of one thing they can do to continue to grow in God's grace. Ask them to write on their sticky note one thing they can do to continue to grow in God's grace. Encourage them to stick their note in Section 4.7 of their handbook.

STEP 7: Follow up with Lesson Application questions and Sum It Up statements from the Large Group Guide.