

Grade 5 Safe Environment Lesson Plan

Grade 5 Theological Concept – Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Lesson 1

(1 of 4 Lessons)

Inappropriate Actions

Objective - Students will be able to answer the following questions:

1. How do you decide that an action is wrong?
2. Where do you get the strength to say “No?”

Resources and Connections – Copy of the Ending Prayer for each student. This can be covered with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Estimated Time: 20 minutes

Lesson: Begin by defining the different gifts of the Holy Spirit. Lead into a class discussion of the lesson objectives. Suggestions for class discussion:

- *Whole class discussion* – have students raise their hands to respond.
- *Small group discussions* – divide class into small groups (3-4 students). Have each group discuss each question for about 5 minutes. Have a reporter from each group report the groups’ answers.

1. How do you decide that an action is wrong?

Guide the students into these conclusions:

- *The Holy Spirit gives the gift of piety, which is prayerfulness. With this gift of prayer, you can ask for the gift of wisdom.*
- *With the gift of wisdom, you will know what is pleasing to God and what is not pleasing to God. You will know what is right and what is wrong.*
- *The Holy Spirit will let you know when something is wrong.*
- *Try to recall what your parents have taught you. Is someone asking you to do something with your body that involves private areas?*

2. Where do you get the strength to say “No?”

Guide the students into these conclusions:

- *Pray!*
- *Ask a trusted adult for help. The Holy Spirit works through them too.*
- *The Holy Spirit will pour out His gift of fortitude on you. The gift of fortitude will help you do what is right.*

Ending Prayer:

Recite the following prayer with the students.

Dear Jesus,

When You walked this earth, You showed that You love little children.

We know that You love us.

It is hard for us to hear that some people do not treat children the way You did.

We know that some people hurt children by their words and actions.
Help us to forgive them.
Help us to learn how to protect ourselves, and others, from harm.
Bless all those who help us keep safe. Amen.

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Fifth Grade Theological Concept – Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Lesson 2

(2 of 4 Lessons)

Inappropriate Gifts

Objective - Students will be able to answer the following questions:

1. How do you know when you should not accept a gift?
2. Where do you get the strength to say “No” to the gift?

Resources and Connections – Copy of the Ending Prayer for each student. This can be covered during the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Estimated Time: 20 minutes

Lesson: Begin by reviewing the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Lead to a class discussion on the lesson objectives. Suggestions for class discussion:

- *Whole class discussion* – have students raise their hands to respond.
- *Small group discussions* – divide class into small groups (3-4 students). Have each group discuss each question for about 5 minutes. Have a reporter from each group report the groups’ answers.

1. How do you know when you should not accept a gift?

Guide the students into these conclusions:

- *The Holy Spirit gives the gift of piety, which is prayerfulness. With this gift of prayer, you can ask for the gift of wisdom.*
- *With the gift of wisdom, you will know what is pleasing to God and what is not pleasing to God. You will know what is right and what is wrong, and whether you should accept the gift.*
- *Try to recall what your parents have taught you. Have they told you not to accept a gift that is much too expensive? Immoral? Dangerous?*
- *The Holy Spirit will let you know if it is wrong.*

2. Where do you get the strength to say “No” to the gift?

Guide the students into these conclusions:

- *Pray!*
- *Ask a trusted adult for help. The Holy Spirit works through them too.*
- *The Holy Spirit will pour out His gift of fortitude on you. The gift of fortitude will help you do what is right.*

Ending Prayer:

Recite the following prayer with the students.

Dear Jesus,

When You walked this earth, You showed that You love little children.

We know that You love us.

It is hard for us to hear that some people do not treat children the way You did.
We know that some people hurt children by their words and actions.
Help us to forgive them.
Help us to learn how to protect ourselves, and others, from harm.
Bless all those who help us keep safe.
Amen.