



3. SMALL GROUP Lesson

SWEET OR SOUR FACE

PROPS NEEDED: 1 slice of lemon and 1 slice of an orange.

LESSON:

- Have you ever thought about how many different kinds of foods there are and the different tastes?
- Name some different foods and their unique tastes. (Italian, Mexican, sweet, sour, bitter, hot, spicy, etc.)
- I have with me two different fruits. They look similar, but taste very different. (Show the lemon and orange slices.)
- Could I have someone taste this orange for me? (Have a volunteer taste the orange.) What was that like?
- Next have someone try the lemon and tell what it was like?
- Lemons are VERY sour and can really make you pucker and make a funny face.

PUT INTO PRACTICE:

- That reminds me that by our actions, we can cause others to have a smile (like eating an orange) or a sour face (like when eating the lemon).

- When your brothers or sisters see you coming do they want to run and hide because you are mean and rude to them? Or do they get a smile on their face because they like hanging around with you?
- Decide to love your brothers and sisters by only treating them the way you want to be treated.
- Next time you are tempted to be mean or to say something mean, ask yourself the question: Do I want to make them have a sweet smile or a sour face?

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. How many of you have brothers or sisters? How many?
2. Do you think it's hard sometimes to get along with them?
3. Would you want your brothers or sisters to treat you the way you treat them?
4. What are some ways you can be sweet to them instead of sour?



Super Church 2.0 Small Group Notes

SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

1. Pre-Service Activity
2. Bible Time
3. Small Group Lesson
4. Activity Page
5. Dismiss

AGAPE LOVE YOUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

MEMORY VERSE:

Romans 12: 10, "Honor one another above yourselves." (NIV)

BOTTOM LINE

Honor your brothers and sisters above yourself.



1. PRE-SERVICE Activity

- During the Pre-Service Activity, group leaders will direct conversation and games to help kids make friends at church.
- As a group leader you have the choice of Ice Breaker Questions or Game to use as the children arrive.

ICE BREAKER Questions:

Question #17:

- How many brothers and/or sisters do you have?

What are their names?

Question #121:

- Do you have a usual "spot" that you sit in the family car?

ICE BREAKER Game:

Silent & Quiet

- Divide class into two teams.
- Have them line up into two rows, back to back.
- On the count of three, have everyone turn around and face each other.
- No speaking, but the first one to laugh is out.
- All who remain get a new partner.

2. BIBLE Time

READ THE BIBLE:

1st-2nd Grade - Day by Day Bible: Joseph (pages 18-19 and pages 21 & 22)

3rd Grade and up - NIV Bible: Genesis 37 & 45

- Have each child read one verse out loud. Go around the room.
- This works best if everyone uses the same, easy-to-read translation of the Bible.

BIBLE STORY:

Joseph & His Brothers

BIBLE CONNECTION:

Joseph had become the second highest ruler in the land of Egypt. There was a great famine in the land and he had the power to give food to anyone he wanted. One day a group of men came before him asking for food for their family. Immediately Joseph realized the group of men standing before him was his older brothers. Many years ago, when Joseph was young, his brothers sold him into slavery. Joseph told his brothers who he was and they were shocked. Because of what his brothers did to him, Joseph could have turned them away or even had them put to death. Instead, he forgave them and gave them food to take back to their father. Joseph loved his brothers enough to forgive them.

BIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. What did Joseph's brothers do to him when he was younger? (sold him into slavery)
2. What position did Joseph have in Egypt? (second highest ruler in Egypt)
3. Why did his brothers come to Egypt? (to get food)
4. What did Joseph do for his brothers? (gave them food to take home to their father)
5. Did Joseph forgive his brothers? (yes)

POINT TO MAKE: *Joseph's brothers were cruel to him, but Joseph did not let what his brothers did to him, form him. He chose to forgive them, long before he met them in Egypt.*