

SURF

Lesson #4 FAITHFULNESS

The purpose of this lesson plan is to:

- Create a fun and interactive learning experience
- Provide teaching options in addition to the Leader Q Card
- Creatively revisit the Bible story featured in the teaching video
- Give kids an opportunity to further explore the application point

PROGRAM

Activity	Length of Segment	Running Time
Q Card: Discussion	15 minutes	Start-15 minutes
Picture: Bible Story	5 minutes	15-20 minutes
Play: Learning Activity	10 minutes	20-30 minutes
Plan: Group Commitment	5 minutes	30-35 minutes
Pray: Prayer Cards	5 minutes	35-45 minutes

PREP

You will need:

- Large Group Only: 16 small bags of fruit snacks for each group
- Small Groups only: 8 small bags of fruit snacks for each group
- Game Prizes (fruit snacks - optional)
- Story Props (optional)
- Prayer Cards (1 per kid)
- MAP Books (1 per kid)

PICTURE

(The Bible Story)

In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to retell the Bible story presented earlier in the teaching video. The object is to paint a picture that kids will understand and remember. When telling the story, remember you are painting a picture for your viewers. Have fun and explore your creativity. Here are some ideas to make your storytelling more memorable:

- Try using props as you tell the story- A tree or plant, scissors, real figs
- Give the kids a real fig to eat at the end of the story

The Fig Tree
Luke 13:6-9

Then Jesus used this illustration, "A man planted a fig tree in his garden and came again and again to see if there was any fruit on it, but he was always disappointed. Finally he said to the gardener, 'I've waited three years, and there hasn't been a single fig. Cut it down. It's taking up space we can use for something else.' The gardener answered, 'Give it one more chance. Leave it another year and I will give it

special attention and plenty of fertilizer. If we get figs next year, fine. If not, you can cut it down.”

PLAY (Learning Activity)

In this portion of your class time you will lead your class in a fun and exciting activity that will help your kids apply the Bible lesson to their everyday lives.

“Fun with Faithful Fruit”

HOW TO START:

- **Large Group Only: Divide kids into 4 teams**
- **Small Group Only: Divide kids into 2 teams**

HOW TO PLAY:

- **Say, “This game is called Fun with Faithful Fruit. This game will help us to remember that faithfulness is a fruit of the Spirit.”**
- **Begin round #1. Team #1 rolls the dice.**
- **Team #1 answers the round #1 question and earns the number of points equal to the roll of the dice.**
- **Each of the remaining teams then takes one turn each.**
- **To finish round #1, one player from each team competes in the Faithful Fruit Bonus Round.**
- **Give one bag of fruit snacks to each player.**
- **Say, “GO!” Players eat the fruit snacks.**
- **The first player to finish the fruit snacks earns 10 points for his/her team.**
- **Begin round #2.**
- **Repeat all steps for the remaining 3 rounds.**

GAME QUESTIONS:

- **Round #1 Question (same question for each team)**
How can you show faithfulness at home?
- **Round #2 Question (same question for each team)**
How can you show faithfulness at school?
- **Round #3 Question (same question for each team)**
How can you be a faithful friend?
- **Round #4 Question (same question for each team)**
What is one way you can be faithful to God?

PLAY OPTIONS:

- **Younger kids: use a smaller number of fruit snacks for eating contest Hand out game prizes (fruit snacks - optional)**

PLAN

(Group Commitment)

In this portion of your class time you have the opportunity to lead your group to make a commitment. You may select any ONE of the options provided or your group may create its' own. Encourage the kids to write their commitments on their Prayer Cards so you can be praying for them during the week.

Commitment Options:

- **Do one thing each day to show faithfulness at home this week.**
- **Do one thing each day to be a faithful friend, brother, or sister this week.**
- **Do one thing each day to show faithfulness to God this week.**

PRAYER

In this portion of your class time, have your kids fill out the Prayer Card. Take the cards home and pray for your kids throughout the week. End your time together by praying for your group commitment.

Hand out prayer cards

- **Ask Kids to fill in their commitments in the space provided**
- **Ask kids to fill in their prayer requests in the space provided**
- **Collect cards so you can take them home and pray for your kids**
- **Close in prayer**

God, thank you for your awesome faithfulness to us. We want to be people who show faithfulness in our lives everyday. Help us to be faithful sons and daughters, faithful students, faithful friends, and faithful followers of Jesus. Give us strength to faithfully complete the things we have committed to do this week. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Remember to...

- **Hand out the MAP Books.**
- **Encourage kids to complete at home with an adult and bring back next week!**

LIVE IT!

Being faithful means, when you know what to do, you follow through.

your MISSION this week:

Circle ONE Action Point and one Fruit Snack to complete this week. To exercise **Faithfulness**, complete the task before anyone asks you to.

ACTION POINT:

- 1. Feed your pet every day
- 2. Clean your room
- 3. Clean up the table after dinner
- 4. Do your homework
- 5. Clean up the yard

FRUIT SNACK:

- 1. Teach two people this week's Memory Max
- 2. Pray everyday for a lost friend
- 3. Ask a friend how you could pray for them and pray everyday
- 4. Read two different Bible stories this week
- 5. Write God a thank you letter

"Yes, the way to identify a tree or a person is by the kind of fruit that is produced."

—Matthew 7:20

MAX MEMORIZED THIS VERSE. Now it's your turn! Check the box to the right when you finish.

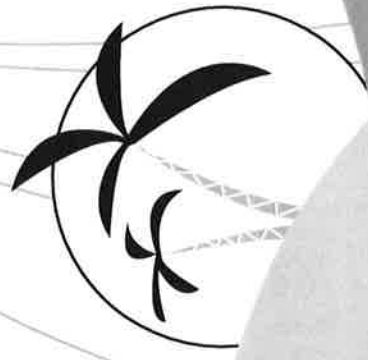
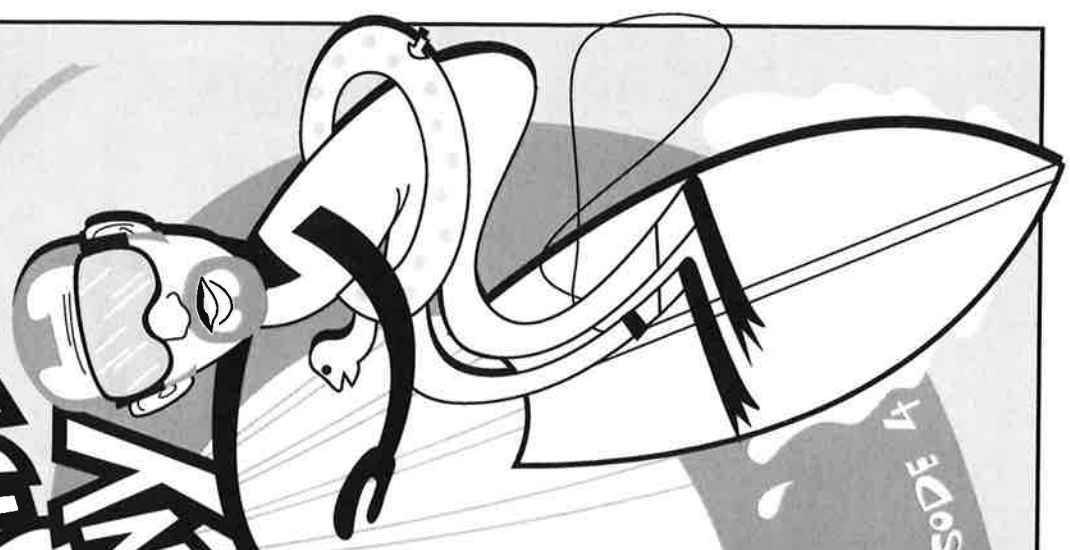
YES, I have completed this week's M.A.P. book!

your name here

Parent's Signature _____

KIDMOZ™ M.A.P. MISSION ACTION PLAN BOOK

SURFSIDE JOHNNY



SUMMER II SLAM!!

EPISODE 4

LEARN IT!

WE SHOW WE ARE FAITHFUL
WHEN WE CHOOSE TO COMPLETE
A TASK WITHOUT BEING ASKED.
GOD WANTS US TO BE FAITHFUL,
BUT SOMETIMES OUR SINFUL NATURE
PUTS UP A GOOD FIGHT.

Look up Galatians 5:17

What does the **sinful** nature want us to do?

What does the **Holy Spirit** want us to do?

When are our choices **free** from this conflict?

LINK IT!

What usually keeps you from doing what is important? From the list below, write down something that is important to you. Then list what usually distracts you from doing what is important.

Homework, chores, praying, feeding your pet, going to church, being kind, cleaning your room, helping, getting a good night's rest, video games, playing, friends, phone call, TV, reading

Important

Distraction



"Before they _____, complete the _____!"

Can you find the missing points in this week's Compass Point?

Keep surfin'!

Say a word Forget Apples Chickens
Ask Checklist Follow through Task Melon



Theme: FAITHFULNESS

Today we're talking about the fruit of God's spirit! And the fruit of God's spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control..."

LEARN IT

We show we are faithful when we choose to complete a task without being asked.

Have ever put off doing a chore or avoided doing your homework because you just didn't want to do it? Why is that? One of the reasons is because of the battle going on between our sinful nature and the Holy Spirit.

LOOK IT UP: Galatians 5:17

BIBLE STORY

"The fig tree with no fruit."

Luke chapter 13:6-9

LINK IT

Distraction can keep us from doing what is important. Distraction can keep us from reading our Bible and praying. Distraction can keep us from growing in our relationship with God.

LIVE IT

Being faithful means, when you know what to do you follow through. As you complete each day's tasks pray, "God, help me to be an example of your faithfulness in ever area of my life."

COMPASS POINT

"Before they ask, complete the task!"

MEMORY MAX

"Yes, the way to identify a tree or a person is by the kind of fruit that is produced." Matthew 7:20



EPISODE 4



Have you ever been distracted?

RECALL a time you got distracted and something happened as a result.

ASK: "Have you ever been distracted? What happened?"



How does distraction keep us from being faithful?

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ASK: "What does Galatians 5:17 say about the choices we make?"

BRAINSTORM with your group things the Holy Spirit would want us to do and how our sin nature might try to distract us. List them out side by side.



How can we fight the distractions around us?

What is this week's Compass Point talking about?

COMPASS POINT: "Before they ask, complete the task."

ASK: "What are some areas in your life you could show greater faithfulness?"
As a group, commit to do one thing faithfully each day without being asked.

REVIEW this week's **Memory Max** (with the hand motions) "Yes, the way to identify a tree or a person is by the kind of fruit that is produced." — **Matthew 7:20**

Pass out the prayer cards and ask your group to write down the commitment they made so you can pray for them this week.



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