

LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

We need to live what we believe!

OBJECTIVE:

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KEY PASSAGE:

Luke 5:1-11, Jesus Calls the First Disciples

MEMORY VERSE:

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SUMMARY:

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SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Help us to live out our faith!

In Jesus’ name,

Amen

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LARGE GROUP:

Have all the fifth/sixth graders (whatever the oldest age in the room may be) read the verse first. Then add the next grade down and repeat. Add the next grade down, and repeat. Keep repeating until everyone is reading together.

SMALL GROUP:

Look at the verses surrounding this passage, or read the whole chapter so you can hear this verse in context. What was happening? How do the verses before and after the memory verse help you understand its meaning?

SKIT

ARE YOU LIVIN' IT?

ITEMS NEEDED:

Two small tables
Two chairs
Two phones with tripods or stands
A bag of McDonalds food

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

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CHARACTERS:

Pat – A YouTube host specializing in fast food
Jim – A YouTube host who talks about faith

Each week, the set for these skits will be the same: two small tables with a chair behind each table.

Pat enters with a bag of McDonalds and sits at the table stage left. She sets up her phone on a small tripod or stand to film herself.

PAT: Hey, guys, it's Pat, and it's time for another edition of Fast Food Fun! Remember to click the like button and subscribe to my channel so you can enjoy more of my videos and I can make gobs of money without having to actually work!

Jim enters and sits at the table next to Pat. He sets up his own tripod and has his own bag of food.

PAT: Today I'm going to do another unboxing video. I'm at a certain fast food restaurant that wants us to believe that if we eat their food we will walk away and say, "I'm lovin' it!" So let's open the bag and see what we have, shall we?

JIM: What's up, dudes? Jim here, with another edition of Fast Faith! If you haven't already, click the subscribe button to tell YouTube you love me, and let's get on with today's video!

PAT: Excuse me, I'm doing a video here.

SKIT

JIM: Today, I'm at a certain fast food joint sitting next to a girl from my church. What's your name, friend?

PAT: It's Pat, and I was—

JIM: Pat, you know this is the place where they like to say, "I'm lovin' it," right?

PAT: Yes, and I was just about to—

JIM: Well here's my question for you, Pat. Are you livin' it?

PAT: Livin' what?

JIM: Livin' what they tell us to live on Sunday morning?

PAT: Well, I don't know. I guess I am.

JIM: You do believe in Jesus, right?

PAT: Yes.

JIM: Do you believe that His grace has saved you from sin?

PAT: Well, of course I do.

JIM: So tell me, are you livin' it?

PAT: What do you mean, livin' it?

JIM: Are you livin' like you were saved? Are you praising God every day for saving you and telling others about Jesus?

PAT: You mean going to church isn't enough?

JIM: Pat, Jesus has given us freedom from sin and a promise of Heaven! The question isn't should we live for Jesus every day, but why wouldn't we live for Jesus every day?

PAT: I never thought of it that way.

JIM: That's what this show is all about. Guys, I wanna encourage all my viewers to show someone Jesus loves them this week. Be kind to others. Be a friend to someone new in school. Tell someone Jesus loves them, and invite someone to church! Can you do that, guys? How about you, Pat?

SKIT

PAT: Well, I have a busy schedule, Jim. My fans, they expect a video every week.

JIM: Then love your fans. Give them their video.

PAT: Okay.

JIM: And love your neighbors and your friends too. Can you do that, Pat?

PAT: Well, I guess?

JIM: There you go, guys. If Pat can do it, you can too! I'll see you next week on Fast Faith!

Jim packs up and leaves. Pat is stunned. She looks at the camera. She tries a French fry from the bag.

PAT: Well, the fries are good here. I guess I am lovin' that. And I guess if I love God, I better start livin' it.

OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:

A bag from McDonalds

Do you know why McDonalds, Burger King, and all the other fast food places put their names and logos all over their bags, their wrappers, their cups, and even their napkins? It's all about advertising. Just like the catchy commercials that tell us, "I'm lovin' it," all this packaging is all about giving other people a craving for McDonalds food. You see the golden arches on a bag in someone's hand, in the trash, or even on the ground, and when the next meal time comes around you think, "Hey, I am lovin' it. Let's get a Happy Meal!"

Jesus wants us to be lovin' Him, and He wants us to do it by livin' for Him. We can do that by lovin' other people. We do it by serving at church and away from church. We do it by giving generously to those in need. We live for Jesus every time we lend a listening ear or a helping hand. We live for Jesus by friending the friendless and showing love and respect to everyone we meet.

If we truly love God, we will live for God. We will put our faith into action by sharing the love of Jesus with others. Let's show God our love by learning to live for Him every day of our life!

LARGE GROUP GAME

FAST FOOD MIX & MATCH

ITEMS NEEDED:

A Big Mac
A Quarter Pounder with Cheese
A McDonalds Cheeseburger
A Whopper
Plates
Note cards with the names of each burger written on them

INSTRUCTIONS:

Set all four burgers in a McDonald's bag. Let everyone come up and reach their hand in the bag pick a burger and see if they can guess what is it without looking. If they get it wrong, let them have one more chance to get it right.

VARIATION:

For younger kids, make it simple. Use two sandwiches: a Whopper and a Quarter Pounder. If you want to be funny, bring in a Taco Bell taco as well.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

McDonald's says, "I'm lovin' it." When it comes to faith, we need to be livin' it!

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INTRO:

For better or for worse, we all eat fast food. Fast food restaurants make eating on the run or eating in a hurry convenient and affordable. No matter where you are, no matter what time it is, there's a fast food joint nearby ready to serve you in every town at just about any time of day. Fast food restaurants are there for breakfast, lunch, dinner, dessert, late night snack, or fourth meal. It may not always be the healthiest option, but everybody gets a craving now and then for a chalupa, or a Frosty, or a curly fry, or a slice of meat lover's pizza!

One reason we eat more fast food than we should is the advertising. Every fast food restaurant has its own marketing campaign to make you crave their food. From jingles on the radio to coupons in the mail to funny ads on TV, everyone from Arby's to Zaxby's uses advertising to remind us that they are there and ready to serve us in a hurry. If I went down a list of advertising slogans used by these restaurants, my guess is you all would get almost all of them.

In this series we're going to use some of those ads to go deeper with our faith. We're going to take some fast food slogans and apply them to help us build a fast faith – a faith that is strong and ready to act when needed. Faith isn't just believing in something we can't see. If we truly love God, we will put our faith into action. That's what today's message is all about.

We're going to start with a favorite of almost everyone. The land of the golden arches. The home of the Big Mac. The only place that can legally call their kids meal a Happy Meal. McDonalds is the undisputed king of the fast food landscape, and their slogan, "I'm lovin' it," sums up the feeling many McDonalds fans get when they bite into their favorite McDonalds food.

LARGE GROUP LESSON

I'm sure if we asked the question, "Are you lovin' God?" most of you would say yes. But what if we asked, "Are you livin' it? Are you livin' out your faith?" The Bible teaches us that if we are lovin' God, we will be livin' for God. That's the challenge Jesus gave a group of men when He called them to be His first disciples.

READ LUKE 5:1-11

MAIN POINT:

Jesus ultimately chose twelve men to be His disciples. While one of them betrayed Him, the other eleven went on to become the founding fathers of Christ's church. These men loved Jesus, and they lived out their faith every day. They were not perfect. They made mistakes, and they sometimes failed some big tests of faith. But all but one of those eleven men would eventually die because they lived out their faith in the face of persecution.

How did these men live out their faith? By loving others. By sharing the good news of Jesus with everyone they met. They lent a helping hand where it was needed. They friended the friendless like Jesus did. They shared the good news of Jesus with everyone, including the men who imprisoned them and sentenced them to die. Their lives are examples to us of how we should show our love for Jesus. If we love Him, we will be livin' it every day!

DRIVE IT HOME:

You know, people who love McDonalds are easy to spot. They show their love by eating McDonalds. They always say, "Let's go to McDonalds!" when it's time to eat. You see the empty McDonalds bags in the trash. You see the cool Happy Meal toys they saved in their rooms. People who are "lovin' it" are "livin' it" by eating McDonalds whenever they get the chance.

Would people be able to tell you are lovin' Jesus as easily? Would they spot a Bible if they looked through your book bag? Would they find some Christian music on your music player? More importantly, would they see you lovin' Jesus by lovin' others?

The Bible tells us that we are saved by grace, not by works, but if we are truly grateful for all God has done, we will show it by loving other people the way Jesus loved people. We will volunteer to serve at church and serve through outside ministries because Jesus was always willing to serve others. We will give generously to those in need because Christ gave His life for us. We will be a friend to the friendless because Jesus was a friend to so many unlovable people. We will turn a deaf ear to gossip and meanness because Jesus was kind and loving. We will defend the weak from bullying because Jesus did the same.

LARGE GROUP LESSON

It's one thing to say you love God, to wear a Christian T-shirt, or even to carry a Bible to school. It's quite another for people to see your love for God through your love for others. Let's be Christians who are so grateful for our salvation, we can't help but love others. Let's thank God daily for sending Jesus to save us and ask God to help us put our love for Jesus into action. As the old song goes, "They will know we are Christians by our love." If we truly do love Him, we will show it by the way we are livin' for Him!

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Help us to live out our faith!

In Jesus' name,

Amen

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER:

What is the coolest Happy Meal toy you ever got?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

John 4:14

Look at the verses surrounding this passage, or read the whole chapter so you can hear this verse in context. What was happening? How do the verses before and after the memory verse help you understand its meaning?

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Play some McDonalds trivia. Who can name all the toppings on a Big Mac, a Quarter Pounder, or a regular cheeseburger?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Luke 5:1-11

Whose boat did Jesus enter when He preached?

What did Jesus tell Simon to do?

What did Simon say after he saw the miraculous catch of fish?

What did Jesus call Simon and his friends to do?

What are some ways we can be living our faith?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3-5TH)

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Luke 5:1-11

What did Jesus tell Simon to do after He preached?

How did Simon respond to the miraculous catch of fish?

Why did Jesus call Simon and his friends to follow Him?

Why is it so important that we live out our faith?

What are some ways we can be living our faith?

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POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

FILL IN THE BLANK

Jesus climbed into a _____ to preach.

BOAT

Jesus told _____ to take the boat out and cast his net.

SIMON

There were so many _____ in the net, the net began to break!

FISH

Jesus told Simon, James, and John they would now _____ for people.

FISH

God wants us to _____ our faith every day.

LIVE



MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

Fast Faith Lesson 1

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: I'M LIVIN' IT



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

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HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Look for opportunities as a family to spontaneously love and serve people this week. Ask your kids each day what they did to live their faith.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- What did Jesus tell Simon the fisherman and his friends to do?
- Why is it important to live our faith?
- What are some things we can do to live our faith?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

"His miraculous signs are great. His wonders are mighty. His kingdom will last forever. His rule will never end." Daniel 4:3 (NIRV)



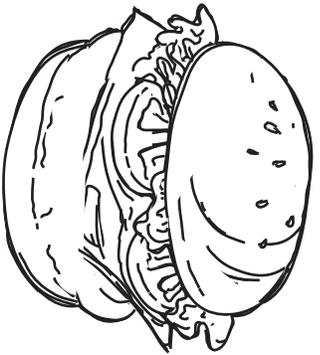
PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

Living our faith means living for God every day. It's not just a Sunday thing; God wants us to love Him by loving others every day. Ask God to help you and your children be mindful of how you can serve others this week.

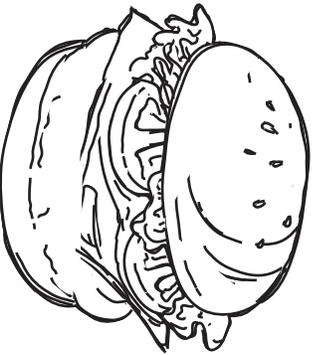
CRAFT ACTIVITY

Give the kids McDonalds bags, or plain paper bags they can draw their own McDonalds logos. Have them write, "I'm livin' it" on the bags to remind themselves that they are learning to live out their faith in this series.



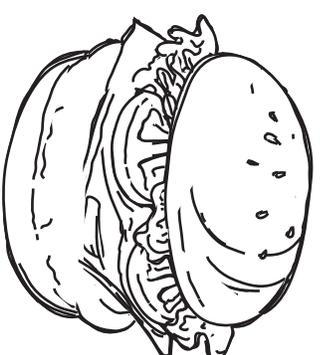
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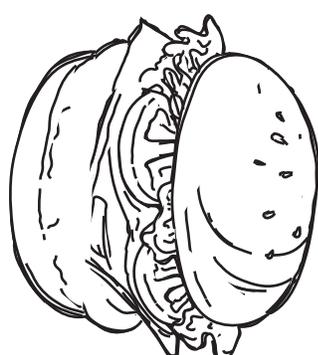
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