

Faith Component

Relevant Scripture

- Galatians 5:13
- Luke 6:31

Instructional Goals

- Guide students to understand the connection between freedom, faith, and making positive choices through hands-on activities and scripture.
 - Teach the importance of contributing to the community with actions inspired by faith and guided by the teachings of the Bible.
 - The “Freedom Tree” will serve as a collective artwork, symbolizing how individual actions rooted in faith and freedom can create a harmonious and supportive community.
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Bible Verses

Objective

This activity introduces first graders to the concepts of faith and freedom through interactive experiences and Bible verses, helping them understand how these concepts guide us to make kind and thoughtful choices.

Materials

- “Freedom and Faith Cards”: Each card includes a simple action reflecting faith and freedom, paired with a relevant Bible verse (e.g., “Help a friend - Galatians 5:13,” “Say a prayer of thanks - 1 Thessalonians 5:18”)
- Large [“Freedom Tree”](#) poster or bulletin board
- [Leaf cutouts](#) from construction paper
- Crayons, markers, and tape or thumbtacks
- Optional Bible verse posters displayed around the classroom for reference

Introduction

- Start with a circle discussion about Celebrate Freedom Week, focusing on how our freedom allows us to make choices and how faith helps guide these choices towards goodness.

Freedom and Faith Cards Activity

- Distribute the “Freedom and Faith Cards” to students. Each card suggests an action and cites a Bible verse that supports the action’s value.
- Allow time for students to perform the action on their card, emphasizing the connection between the action and the scripture.

Decorating the Freedom Tree

- After completing their actions, students will choose a leaf cutout to decorate. They should illustrate or write about their action and include the Bible verse from their card.
- Students then attach their decorated leaves to the “Freedom Tree,” creating a visual representation of how individual acts of faith and freedom contribute to a strong and vibrant community.

Bible Verse Reflection

- Gather around the “Freedom Tree.” Lead a discussion on how the Bible verses on the leaves teach us to use our freedom kindly and with love. Highlight the importance of each action and verse in building a caring community.

Closing Activity: Sing and Pray

- Conclude with a short prayer, thanking God for the freedom to make choices and asking for guidance to always choose kindness, as taught in the Bible verses.