

# JOY MATCHES





Religious leaders are jealous

(Acts 5:12-33)

Memory Verse:

1 Corinthians 3:3

"You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans?"



Thank God for the spiritual gifts, physical appearance, possessions, and family that you have. Ask God to give you joy and contentment for what you have. Choose someone you may have been jealous of in the past, and give them a small gift. (Do not tell them of your past jealousy.)



**WELCOME** to "Champions by the fruit of the Spirit!" Your goal is to help your students become champions. To do this, they need to put the fruit of the spirit into action in their everyday lives.

Most Sunday school programs are at church, and do not require homework during the week. However, your students cannot "knockout" sin in their lives by learning about it. They must actually get "In the ring" and fight the actual sin that they face during the week. Honestly, without someone checking up on them, this will be almost impossible to do. Please do not "trust their word" and accept when students say they did an assignment. If you become lax about this program, you will be training your students to tell you lies.

However, just imagine with me that if you can actually coach your students, and track that they are doing the homework, you will see real change in their lives. In just 1 year, you can turn their lives around! Your students will not be memorizing the fruit of the Spirit, but will be actually learning to LIVE it!

### Your responsibilities:

- Be a Coach for your group of children
- Meet with students for 5 minutes before and after class each week to discuss assignment and encourage them to become champions.
- Call/text students weekly to remind them of the assignment. (Suggested=Tuesday)
- Call/text students a second time weekly

to get report of assignment done. (Suggested=Friday)

 Keep track of assignments done for children in small group and report to head coach weekly.

#### Rewards:

A very important part of being a coach is helping your students feel like winners. This means you need to define what behaviour you are looking for, and reward that behaviour.

Smaller weekly rewards:

- Hugs
- High-fives
- Stickers on their shirt
- Stamp on a hand
- · Small candy

Larger rewards at end of month:

- Award ceremony with gold, silver and bronze medals given to the children. (Bronze for 3 weeks of assignments finished, silver for 4 weeks, and gold for 5 weeks. Alternatively, you could give bronze for 2 punches, silver for 3 punches and gold for 4 punches per week.)
- A party at your home
- Certificates
- Something given in large church in front of the adults
- Trophies

May our Lord God inspire you, as you take on this challenge of coaching your students in the fruit of the Spirit!



## JOY -VS- GREED

The rich young man (Matthew 19:16-30)

"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an Memory Verse: Luke 12:15 → abundance of possessions."





## IN THE RING

Give some of your own personal money to God in the offering plate at church, not knowing to whom it will go. Use some of your money to serve someone else. If you do not have any money, take a possession you have and give it away.



## JOY -VS- SELF-PITY

Ionah and the worm (Jonah 4:1-10)

Memory Verse:

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

"For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."



## IN THE RING

Help at a homeless shelter, or a ministry that feeds the poor. Alternatively, visit the sick in a hospital. Pray and ask God to open your eyes to the bigger picture, and help you take your eyes off yourself.



## MATCH 9

## JOY -VS- UNGRATEFULNESS

Jesus heals 10 Lepers (Luke 17:11-19)

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts Memory Verse: Psalm 100:4 → with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.'



#### IN THE RING

Thank your parents (or someone else) for something they give you every day. Choose something to go without for a while, as a reminder that you may not always have it.







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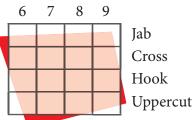
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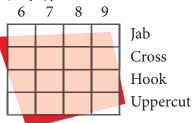
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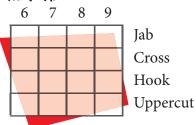
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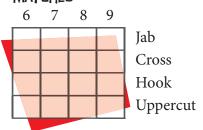
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