

SKIT BOOK

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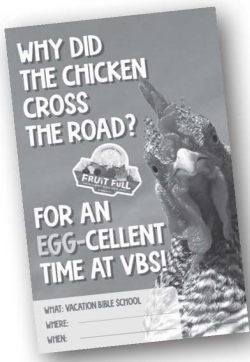
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FRUIT FULL SKIT BOOK OVERVIEW

Welcome to the County Fair Midway! Grab a corn dog because the Midway is jam-packed with thrilling rides, exciting games, engaging shows, and concessions that make your taste buds dance. It's a whirlwind of epic proportions!

The **Fruit Full Skit Book** contains five skits that begin each lesson at the County Fair Midway. You can use the basic set design and look for each skit using a few different props.

It is here, at the edge of the Midway, that the fun of the **Fruit Full** VBS begins. Your students will join Guy, a first-time Fair-goer, as they explore all the Midway has to offer. While there, they will encounter Huck Swindler, a deceitful and conniving Midway barker who spends most of his time trying to lure Guy into terrible schemes. Fortunately, Guy will also have the guidance of Mr. Appleby, a kind and wise old farmer. Farmer Appleby raises award-winning fruits and also happens to know a great deal about the fruit of the Spirit.

The skits are designed so that each child has a part when each scene begins. In the real world, most people do not have the luxury of cue cards. There are several ways you can have your characters present their lines without forcing them to memorize them. You could make cue cards on a board and assign someone the duty of pointing to the cue card and holding the board in front of the set. (This should be hidden by large items you raise at a Fair like a trash can, a popcorn cart, or a table.) Another idea is to hide scripts in props the characters are using (examples: a fairground map, a large popcorn bucket, a notebook, etc.). Each person playing a part should at least become familiar with the script so that he is able to give the best presentation possible.

During this important time, students will learn the importance of living a **Fruit Full** life and becoming more like Jesus. As they grow to be more like Him, they will learn to produce the fruit of the Spirit through their actions and attitudes.



CHARACTERS

When students enter the Grandstand Hall, they will meet a member of your congregation—they can use their own name or simply call them, Guy—who also happens to be a member of the First-Time Fair Friends group, a group your students are joining. Guy is excited to meet the famous Mr. Appleby, a prize-winning fruit farmer. Unfortunately, Guy will also encounter the conniving Huck Swindler. Through their fun-filled encounters, these three characters will provide a how-to—and a how-not-to—guide on producing a **Fruit Full** life. They will make an impact that your students won't soon forget. The skits are sure to make your students laugh and think at the same time. Carefully consider choosing each of the people to fill these roles.

CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

GUY—This person can use their own name, but they will be portraying someone who has come to the County Fair in search of fun and adventure and meets up with the students along the way. He is, perhaps, a little naive and easily led into temptation, but he is eager to learn and willing to admit his mistakes.

MR. APPLEBY—Mr. Appleby is a wise but simple farmer who has come to the fair to enter his fruit in hopes of winning another Best in Show ribbon. Working hard to raise the very best fruit he can, he is also knowledgeable in the fruit of the Spirit and clearly lives a **Fruit Full** life. Mr. Appleby is rich with the wisdom he has gained through years of hard work.

HUCK SWINDLER—Also known as the Mountebank Swindler, Huck Swindler is a conniving Midway games barker who has lost a Midway game he can't rig, but he does not let himself get to games. If he tries to sell you a pie, or a piece of hardware!

Those assigned to play each of these characters should consider their parts and get to know their characters. Each should be committed to his character so that he remains consistent in his portrayal. Often, it is less important who is playing than how. In comedy, timing and presentation are everything. Little things such as quirky characters and props can also play a huge part in the success of the portrayal of any character.

COSTUME SUGGESTIONS

GUY—Guy can dress simply in a T-shirt and shorts or jeans and wearing a name tag with the **Fruit Full** logo. You could even design a name tag with the **Fruit Full** logo provided on the **Multimedia Files**. They might want a **Messenger Bag** to carry their stuff, a notebook, and a pen.

MR. APPLEBY—Mr. Appleby should be dressed like a prize-winning farmer. Denim overalls and a T-shirt would be appropriate, but a flannel shirt and jeans will also work. He should wear a straw hat or a worn ball cap. The **Fruit Full** Best in Show ribbon is available in the **Multimedia Files**.

HUCK SWINDLER—Huck Swindler is a con artist and looks like he cannot be trusted. He is probably well-dressed, perhaps wearing a bow tie, arm bands, and a top hat, derby, or straw boater.



One of the props for Skit Five is a wristwatch. You can use a **Lime Light Bracelet** as a watchband.

LESSON ONE

PATIENCE & FAITHFULNESS

Set: As part of the set, you will want to construct a *Ball Drop Game*. You will need two balls, one slightly, but noticeably larger than the other. You will also need a container with an opening large enough for the small ball to enter, but small enough that the larger ball cannot enter it.

Props: Fairground map (**Fruit Full** brochure), *Best in Show* ribbon printed from **Multimedia Files**, *Ball Drop Game* (see above), teddy bear, paper money

Guy enters. He does not notice the students holding the Fairgrounds map and talking to him.

Guy: Okay, let's see. If I walk to the Ferris Wheel and take a left... (consults map). No, that's not right. If I turn to the Carousel... hmmm. Let's see... Wow, that's a big, and this map is confusing.

Guy looks up, sees students, startled.

...for a moment I thought you were the clowns. I don't know about clowns kind of freak me out... it's the red nose. Or maybe it's the really big shoes. (shudders) I haven't even introduced myself. Hello, (or use Group Leader's name). This is my first visit to the Fair, and I'm so lost. I've been going around in

circles, and I haven't even seen the carousel yet! I'm supposed to meet the First-time Fair Friends group to find the Grandstand Hall. Do you know where that is?

...they are in the Grandstand Hall, I'll take them to the Guy that works in the Grandstand Hall.

This is the Grandstand Hall! Well, that's just peachy keen! I thought I'd find it. Wait! Are you members of the First-time Fair Friends group? Is this your first visit to the Fair? (pauses for responses). I'm so relieved! I'm really excited, but I'm also a little nervous. This will be so much more fun with all of us together! What do you like most about the Fair? (pauses for responses). I'm looking forward to the roller coaster! I've even been practicing. Watch! (puts hands in the air, and says *Whee!*) Pretty good, right? You want to try? (encourages kids to imitate him) So what do you think we should try first? Cotton candy? The carousel? (spies the games at the back of the stage) Look at all those games! Do you think I could win that huge teddy bear?

Mr. Appleby wanders onto the stage, looking around at the sights. He is wearing a *Best in Show* ribbon. Guy spots him and freezes in awe.

Lesson One

Guy: Hold your carousel horses! Do you know who that is? That's Mr. Appleby! The famous Farmer Appleby. He is a legend! He works hard all year long to raise the **berry** best fruit around, and he brings them to the Fair each year to enter them in contents. Did you know he has won 237 ribbons so far? That must be the Best in Show ribbon he won last year. I've always wanted to meet him! Do you think I should talk to him? *(lead students in encouraging Guy to talk to Mr. Appleby)* Okay, here goes. *(nervously)* Mr. Appleby? Sir, excuse me! Sir?

Appleby: Yes? What can I do for ya, son?

Guy: I don't want to bother you, but I noticed your Best in Show ribbon. By any chance, are you Mr. Appleby?

Appleby: Yes, sirree! I surely am. And who might you be?

Guy: My name is Guy *(or fill in your name)*. It's my first time at the Fair, but I have heard all about you. It's been so hard to meet you. *(perform a simple combination of a bow and a wave)*

Appleby: Well, thank ye kindly, sir. I don't have to do all that. *(helps Guy stand back up)* Just a farmer.

Guy: But you're THE famous Farmer Appleby! The famous award-winning Farmer Appleby!

Appleby: *(sighs)* Please, please. Is it really that hard? I must confess, I don't really like that kind of thing. It's Mrs. Appleby that keeps entering my fruit in contents. I just try to win the Best every year to raise the best I can.

Guy: Do you have any advice for us aspiring fruit farmers?

Appleby: *(thoughtful)* I reckon I have learned a thing or two about how to grow good fruit. If you are really interested...

Guy: *(nods eagerly)* Oh, we're interested! Aren't we? *(encouragingly prompts to agree)*

Appleby: *(peering out at audience)* Well, how'dy there! There's a whole lot of you, you aren't there?

Guy: The best things come in bundles. I'll teach you your secrets:

Appleby: I reckon I'll have some time to talk here at the Fair, I could try to tell you what I know.

Guy: I'm keen! We can talk while we play one of those games. I think I'm going to win one of those teddy bears! So, what's your first piece of advice for aspiring fruit farmers?

Appleby: Well, it doesn't have anything to do with fruit trees, but my first piece of advice is this: Be careful of which of those games you play.

Guy: What do you mean?

Appleby: Some of them are on the up-and-up, but some of them....

Guy: Why? Are they run by *(shudders)* clowns?

Appleby: Well now, I don't know about that. But just like most places, some folks around here might take advantage of you. And a lot of them are hanging out right over there in the Midway *(pointing behind him)*.

Lesson One

Guy: The Midway? What is that?

Appleby: The Midway is where you will find all the rides and games and such. My advice is to be careful of which games you play. You just have to know the right person to ask. *(looks around)* I see one of my old friends over there running the Rubber Duck game. They should know which games are safe and which we need to avoid. You sprouts stay here for a minute. I'll go ask.

Guy: *(whines)* But I really want to win that teddy bear.

Appleby: I understand. I know you are probably in a hurry, but I think it would be a good idea if you would wait right here for me. I'll be right back. You got that? Wait right here. Don't go anywhere. And don't talk to strangers. Got it? Okay, I'll see you in a minute *(exits stage area)*.

Guy: Wow, that's kind of frustrating. I want to wait for Mr. Appleby, but I'm ready to get started having some

Huck Swindler appears on stage near Guy

Swindler: Hurry! Hurry! Step right up, come all, and take a chance at winning a jumbo prize. There's a winner every evening. Hurry! Step right up. It only costs a dime, sir! Step right here, and take home

Guy: Who, me? You're talking to me?

Swindler: Well, of course you're talking to you. This, my friend, is luck. Step right up, and in a few moments, you can walk away with a jumbo prize. It only costs a dime.

Guy: Well, I...I...I don't know. Mr. Appleby asked me to wait for him. I don't know if I should.

Swindler: Well, of course you should. Just imagine how surprised this—Mr. Appleby, you say?—just imagine how surprised he will be when he comes back and you present him with a giant teddy bear!

Guy: It is a really cute teddy bear. *(hesitates)* It seems harmless, but Mr. Appleby told us to wait right here for him. He also told us to be careful of the games we play in the Midway. I don't want to talk to strangers.

Swindler: Oh, well, Mr. Appleby said you were a very smart fellow. That's good, but you're not, but this isn't really the Midway. It's just sort of the edge of the Midway. And this is really a very nice prize. A prize as strange as this is a prize. Allow me to introduce myself. The name is Swindler, but my friends call me Huck for short. Huck Swindler, at your service. Now, see, we don't have any strangers anymore.

Guy: Yeah, I guess you're right. It's nice to meet you, Mr. Swindler. And I have to admit, your... **fun activity** looks like something I would like to try. But, maybe I should just wait till Mr. Appleby gets back. After all, I told him I would wait for him.

Swindler: Sure, sure. I get that. Why don't we wait together? *(gently leads Guy over to the game)* Yeah, that's right. This is a great place to wait. You said you were going to wait, so we'll just wait. And by the way, I am guessing he told you he would be right back, didn't he?

Guy: Well, yeah. He said he would be back in a few minutes.

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Swindler: I'll bet he did. I wonder, what on earth is taking him so long! Seems like it's been forever, don't you think? (*picks up the small ball*) It's amazing how some people expect you to be loyal to them, but they are not willing to be loyal to you. (*tosses ball in air a few times*)

Guy: What's that for?

Swindler: (*holds out small ball*) Oh, this? This is part of my...**fun activity**. You see this ball? (*tosses ball in air*) For only one dollar, you get three chances to drop this ball into this container. Easy peasy, lemon squeezey!

Guy: That's it?

Swindler: That's it! All you have to do is lean over and drop the ball into the container (*demonstrates how easy it is to drop the small ball into the container*). You get three tries. If the ball goes in—just once—you win a prize! Just think, surprised your friend will be when you show him the fabulous teddy bear you won while you were watching him!

Guy: (*thinking*) He really won't mind. Okay, sure. Let's do this (*picks up ball*)

Swindler: (*clearly holds out empty container*) That's all you need. Please.

Guy: Oh, right (*tries to drop ball*) (they) Looks like I've won a five...

Swindler: (*tries to drop ball and quickly pockets it*) Sorry, my friend. I'll get you your prize in a minute. But first, I want to go over the rules of the game...I mean, **fun activity**.

Guy: (*frustrated at how fast his money disappeared*) Rules?

Swindler: Sure! Rules! Every fun activity needs rules, right? Put your right hand in (*holds out right hand*)

Guy: (*confused, but holds out right hand*) Like this?

Swindler: Exactly! Pull your right hand out (*pulls right hand close to body*) (*imitates Swindler*) Now put your right hand in, then turn yourself around. (*holds out right hand and turns around in a circle*)

Guy: (*imitates Swindler*) Like this?

Swindler: Wait, wait there! (*stops Guy and turns around, facing the audience, look to the side*) No, no. Now turn yourself around.

(*Swindler turns toward Guy*) My arm is shaking. How about you?

Swindler: (*turns Guy so that he is facing the audience, back to the game booth*) Just keep facing this way. No shaking. Good, good.

As Swindler talks, he turns and places the small ball behind the counter of the game booth and pulls out the larger ball. The second ball should be noticeably larger than the first ball so the audience can tell the difference in the two balls but not so much larger that it is not understandable that Guy will not notice.

Swindler: Okay, now turn yourself around, and put your right hand out. (*Guy turns toward the game as Swindler hands him the larger ball.*) And that's what it's all about! Give it a try!

Guy leans over and attempts to drop the ball in the container, but the ball does not go in. Swindler retrieves the ball, and this is repeated two more times. As Guy continues to try, he voices his confusion over why he is failing. Swindler sympathizes with him but encourages him to keep on trying. Finally, all three attempts are used without success.

Lesson One

Swindler: Ooo! Back luck. Do you want to try again? It's only a dollar.

Guy: *(confused)* I don't get it. It looked so easy when you did it...

Swindler: Sure it is! Easy peasy lemon squeezy! You just weren't focusing. Just one dollar, and I'll let you in on a little secret of how you can focus.

Appleby: *(entering stage area)* Hold it right there, son! Don't give that man your money! *(Swindler shrinks into hiding and backs off the stage)*

Guy: There you are Mr. Appleby! I was... uh...just...you know, waiting for you to get back. I met Huck Swindler, and he had this game—I mean, **fun activity!** It only cost a dollar, and it looked easy enough. I was going to surprise you with a giant teddy bear! *(puzzled)* But something just wasn't right about the game, I mean, **fun activity.**

Appleby: Something wasn't right, alright, and his name was Huck Swindler. Didn't I tell you to be careful, eh? I've played those games on the Midway for years. I never fail to wait on me until I get my money.

Guy: Yes, Mr. Appleby. You did. I'm sorry.

Appleby: It's okay. I just got set with you, but you asked me to show you some of the things I've done over the years as a farmer.

Guy: You mean down on the Midway? I thought you were a fruit farmer?

Appleby: The most important kind of fruit doesn't grow on trees, son.

Guy: You mean grapes? I know grapes grow on vines, not trees.

Appleby: I mean things like patience and faithfulness. Have you ever heard of the fruit of the Spirit, son?

Guy: Is that a new variety of apples?

Appleby: No, son. The fruit of the Spirit are not peaches or apples or pears. The fruit of the Spirit are special Christian characteristics. They're found in a book in the Bible called Galatians. Galatians 5:22-23, we learn about the fruit of the Spirit. God wants us to grow these fruits. They are called the fruit of the Spirit. Just like other fruit, they're not grown overnight. You want them to understand how to work a little bit. Two of those fruit mentioned are patience and faithfulness.

Guy: Patience and faithfulness? What are those?

Appleby: To be patient means you will wait for good things, even when it is painful to wait. To be faithful means to stick to what you say or what you believe in. If you tell someone you are going to do something, like wait for them right here for example, then you will do what you have told them you will do.

Guy: *(sheepishly)* I guess I haven't shown much patience or faithfulness today, huh?

Appleby: Well, that's okay, son. Growing the fruit of the Spirit takes a lot of time and effort. It doesn't just appear overnight, just like apples don't grow overnight.

Guy: But how do I learn how to grow the fruit of the Spirit? Can you teach me about that too?

Appleby: Well, I reckon I can, but you know who would be a better teacher?

Lesson One

Guy: A better teacher than you?

Appleby: Plum certain. The best teacher about the fruit of the Spirit is always Jesus. In everything He said, everything He did, Jesus was showing the fruit of the Spirit. There's so many stories in the Bible. Did you know, this man named John was baptizing people in the river Jordan? Jesus went to him to be baptized too, but John said Jesus should baptize him instead. He knew Jesus had never sinned and didn't need to be baptized. But you know what Jesus told him?

Guy: No clue.

Appleby: "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

Guy: What on earth does that mean?

Appleby: Basically He meant, this is what my Father wants me to do, so I'm going to do it. That's called faithfulness. And Jesus was pleased with Him.

Guy: How did He know God was pleased with Him?

Appleby: Well, as soon as Jesus came up from the water, He came from heaven, and this is my hope with whom I would please.

Guy: Yeah, I see what you mean. Well, what about the other? When did Jesus show patience?

Appleby: Well, after Jesus was baptized, the Spirit led Jesus out into the wilderness so that He could be tempted by the devil. And though the devil tempted Him, He remained faithful and patient. So today, Satan will try to trick us into doing things we shouldn't do. Satan will try to convince us that he knows what

is best for us. "Follow me, it's easy, it's good," he'll tell you. But Jesus knew that everything Satan told Him was a lie, and we need to know it, too.

Guy: Well, sure! I wouldn't listen to the devil either! As soon as I see him coming, I'll give him the old one-two... (*shadowboxing*)

Appleby: Like you did today?

Guy: What do you mean?

Appleby: You know, you always see the devil. Some people think the devil is a friend who wants to get you to do something wrong. And sometimes the devil is just talking to you who play a very easy game with you. You can't catch the teddy bear.

Appleby: **Fun activity.**

Appleby: **Fun activity.** The point is, we always see the devil coming. But if we follow the fruit of the Spirit strong instead of us, we will have the best protection we can against the devil. If we are faithful and do what God wants us to do, it will be harder for the devil to lead us astray. And if we are patient, it will be harder for fast-talking swindlers to rush us into doing something we shouldn't. You know what, I think I saw some exhibits on the fruit of the Spirit over in the Info Expo. Why don't you sprouts go check them out?

Dismiss to class