

Jelly Beans

They'll Know Us by our Flavor

PREP

Supplies:

- Three distinct jelly bean flavors for everyone in your class to get at least one of each.

Mark a Bible to Matthew 7:16.

DEMONSTRATION

Give each student the same jelly bean flavor to try. Then give your class three options of what the jelly bean flavor might have been and poll your class using raised hands to see what flavor they think it is.

Then give each student the second and third flavor, polling them again after each try.

Give them pretty obvious options so that they can guess the three flavors correctly.

OBJECT LESSON

Say, "You did pretty good guessing which flavors we gave you! How could you tell what flavor you were eating?"

Let your class give any answers they think of.

Right, the color of the jelly beans was the first indicator of what flavor they might be. Obviously a red jelly bean isn't blueberry flavor and a black one isn't lemon flavored.

And then the taste made it pretty obvious what flavor they were if the color wasn't clear enough to tell us.

In the same way the Bible says that people will be able to tell if we are a follower of Jesus or not by how we act and talk.

Matthew 7:16 says, "You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles?"

A while after Jesus died and rose again he went back up to heaven and his followers were left on earth to tell others about him. And today, that is still our call as Christians; to live lives so that others can see Jesus through how we live and what we say.

WRAP UP

Say, “When people are around you, are they confused whether or not you are a Christian? Can people tell by your actions that you belong to Jesus? Does your life make others want to know Jesus, too?”