



UNIT 4, SESSION 2

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT | WEEK 2

GALATIANS 5

KEY POINTS

God is our helper. • When we believe in Jesus, He gives us the Holy Spirit to help us.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

What are the fruits of the Spirit? They are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

MEMORY VERSE

Pray without ceasing and give thanks in all circumstances. 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

PREPARE



Take time to reflect
on today's lesson.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

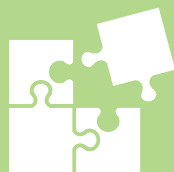
"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." - Galatians 5:22-23

Just like a tree shows what kind it is by the fruit it produces, our lives show what's happening inside our hearts. In Galatians 5, we are told the kinds of "fruit" that should grow in the lives of people who belong to Jesus and walk by the Holy Spirit.

Take a moment to have some fresh fruit this week. Feel the texture and notice the color. Isn't fruit amazing? Think about fruit of the Spirit and the goodness and sweetness of actual fruit. How much more important is fruit of the Spirit!

Our lives are like these fruits. The Holy Spirit grows good fruit in us—things like kindness, patience, and love. But sometimes, we let sin spoil our fruit, making our attitudes and actions rotten. That's why the Bible tells us to examine ourselves and to let the Spirit lead us. When we walk closely with God, we produce good fruit that blesses others.

WELCOME & OPENING



Connect with children as service starts.

WELCOME

Play music through the undercabinet radio (flash drive), or connect your phone to Bluetooth through the radio and play Christian preschool/Bible songs as you greet children coming into the classroom. Help them transition in and feel welcome as they play games and interact with others.

MEMORY VERSE SONG

Gather children and sing the song below to the tune of “Skip to My Lou”:

Pray, pray, pray without ceasing,
pray, pray, pray without ceasing,
pray, pray, pray without ceasing,
and give thanks in all circumstances.
1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

THE LORD’S PRAYER/TEN COMMANDMENTS

Toddlers & Twos: Use the provided poster to review the Lord’s Prayer with the children in your class.

Threes & Fours: Using the provided poster, review the Ten Commandments with the children in your class. Read through each one, then have children repeat after you as you say them together.

CRAFT



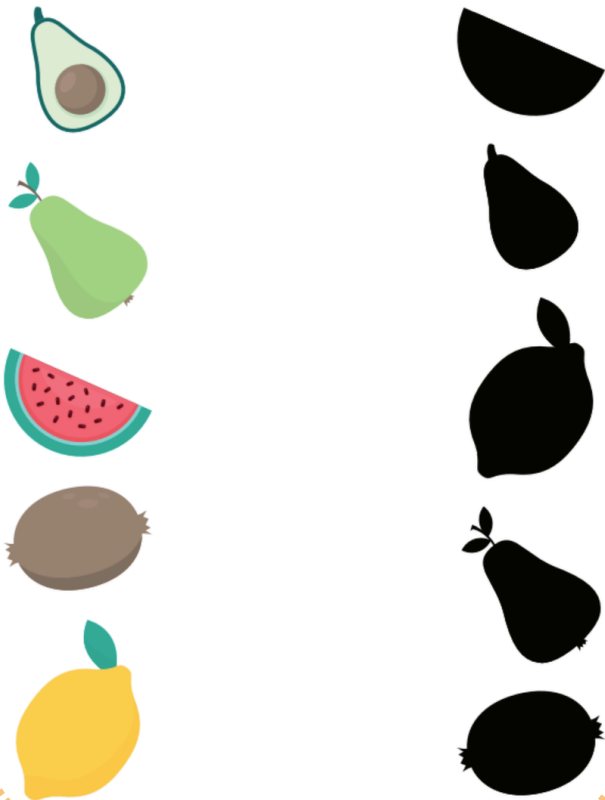
Help children with a craft connected to the Bible lesson.

CRAFT: FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT SHEET

Pass out the provided fruit of the Spirit craft sheets and crayons/markers. Help children complete both sides of the sheet: the “match the shadow” sheet and the “good fruit, bad fruit” sheet.

As you work, talk about fruit and review the fruits of the Spirit! Make sure every child’s name is on their craft sheet somewhere.

Match the Shadow



Circle the good fruit Cross out the bad fruit





BABIES & TWOS BIBLE LESSON

Read the provided Fruit of the Spirit book and Sing the Fruit of the Spirit song:

Verse 1:

The fruit of the Spirit's not a...banana.*

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If you want to be a banana* you might as well hear it: You can't be a fruit of the Spirit. Cause the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Ohhhh!

Verse 2:

The fruit of the Spirit's not an...apple.*

The fruit of the Spirit's not an...apple.*

If you want to be an apple* you might as well hear it: You can't be a fruit of the Spirit. Cause the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Ohhhh!

**Insert any fruit of your choice.*

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THREES & FOURS BIBLE LESSON

Talk about fruit! Ask children what their favorite fruit is, or if there's any fruit they don't like. Look at the provided Fruit of the Spirit cards. Talk about the real fruit they represent and their characteristics. What color are they? How do we describe their taste?

Talk about how, just as we can identify fruits we eat, we can also learn to identify spiritual fruit in our lives. Read Galatians 5:22-23 from the Bible in your classroom: *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."*

Show the provided Fruit of the Spirit cards and talk through them. Talk about ways that we grow good fruit in our lives. One important way is to ask God to help us grow good fruit!

Talk about ways that farmers make sure their crops grow strong, such as removing weeds or watching for pests. Explain that we need to tend our relationships, especially with Jesus, just as a farmer cares for his farm.

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SNACK & CLOSING



Continue to engage children near the end of the morning.

SNACK & DISCUSSION

Have everyone wash their hands, then serve a snack. Ask the following questions and retell parts of the lesson as needed.

1. What was your favorite part of today's Bible lesson?
2. What did you learn about God in today's Bible lesson?
3. What is one thing we can do to grow good fruit in our lives?
4. What are the fruits of the Spirit? They are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Sing the clean up song. Have children help put toys on tables.

Gather them on the rug in a circle and have one volunteer read today's Bible lesson from the children's Bible. Have a regular Bible ready as well.

Sing the "B.I.B.L.E." and "Everything in the Bible is Absolutely True" songs. Remind children that the Bible is God's Word and the most important book in the whole world!

The other volunteer should stand at the door and help with pick up, matching stickers, gathering children's things, etc.

BEFORE YOU GO...

Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:

1. Spray down toys with disinfectant.
2. Spot sweep if needed.
3. Return toys to closet, close door.
4. Throw away any trash left on counters and in room.
5. Return binders to the cabinet.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!