



## Fruit of the Spirit

### Love - Lesson 3

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart; love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27

#### Circle Time

Let's go over our memory verse: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart; love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27. Remember LOVE is one part of the fruit of the Spirit. We have been learning this month how we can love like God and share his love with others. The last two weeks we have talked about how to love God with ALL OUR HEART and what it means to love our neighbor as ourselves. Today we are going to continue to learn ways that we can show love to our neighbor.

Does anyone remember who our neighbors are? (All people around us.) Do any of you know someone who needs to have more love in his or her life? Everyone close your eyes and try to think of someone you could share God's love with. Maybe the person is having a hard time or is sick. Or maybe he or she is not very nice to you or your family. Or maybe it is someone you have a hard time being kind to yourself? Today we are going to decorate flowerpots and next week we will plant a flower in them. Then you will take them home and have a chance to share God's love with a "neighbor." Our neighbors will LOVE getting a flowerpot and it will brighten their day.

What are some ways we can show love to each other in Quest? (Allow children to answer.) We can share the toys with others, we can invite someone to play with us, we can tell others that they are doing a great job building with Legos, etc. We can ALWAYS share God's love with others if we allow God's Spirit to work in our lives. Let's thank God right now for loving us and giving us neighbors to love.

#### Prayer Time

Share prayer requests and pray together.

Dear God, thank You for loving me. Help me to love You and others as You love me. Thank You for

placing people all around me who I can show love to. Help me to be filled with Your Spirit so that I may love like You do. I love you God. Amen.

## Activity Time

The goal of this time is to utilize a variety of engaging activities –passive and active play, crafts, application, and more – to reinforce what was taught in the lesson. While you may not get to every activity, we encourage you to complete the “Take-Home” activity so children leave with a tangible reminder of what was discussed today.

If numbers are high and/or time and space allow, you may want to use a center format: divide the class into groups (one for each activity) and rotate through the centers after an allotted time.



### Molded Hearts

Supplies:

Heart-shaped cookie cutters

Play Dough

As children use the heart-shaped cookie cutters to cut out heart shapes in the play-dough, talk to them about how God will shape our hearts to love like He loves when we let Him into our lives.



### Meals of Love

Supplies:

Play food

Kitchen

Children can pretend to make a meal for a neighbor that is sick, lonely, or just had a baby.



### Love Pots

Supplies:

Cups/pots

Heart stickers and/or verse labels (if available)

Over the next two weeks, we will be working on flowerpots that the kids can give to someone to show God’s love.

This week, they will decorate the pots with stickers/verse labels (if available). As they work, have the kids be thinking of a “neighbor” they can give their pots to. Next week we will add soil and a seed. Be sure to write the children's names on the bottom of the pots so you’ll know whose is whose next week.



## Parachute

Supplies:

Parachute

Beanbags

Have children and students helpers bounce a beanbag on the parachute. Every time the beanbag falls off, one child needs to tell the group one part of the fruit of the Spirit.

Another way to play the game with a little more challenge: try to get all of the kids to say the fruit of the Spirit without any of the bean bags falling off as they bounce them. You can also use this to go over the memory verse for the month.



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