



Fruit of the Spirit - Review Week

"But the fruit of the Sprit is LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, and SELF CONTROL."
Galatians 5:22-23

Circle Time

So far we have learned about four aspects of the fruit of the Spirit. Who remembers who can give us this fruit? That's right, God does. But we have to choose to follow Him and listen to what He wants for our lives and then live that out. God is only good and wants what is best for us all the time. We show other people who God is by how we live out our lives. Who remembers the first product of the fruit we talked about?

Love

What does it mean for us to love someone?

Who should we love?

Read Matthew 22:38-39

"Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. "

Read Matthew 5:44

"But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

Who does the bible say to love? Your neighbor (could be friends or family not just the person next door) and your enemies!

What is the next aspect of the fruit?

Joy

What does it mean to have joy?

What can give us joy? Getting Christmas gifts? NO, only God can give us joy.

Read Nehemiah 8:10

“Nehemiah said, ‘Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.’”

Joy is very different from happiness. We are not happy when we are sad. But we can have joy all of the time, even in time as sadness. If we are Christians (followers of Christ), we have something the rest of the world does not: the hope of eternal life with God. We know we will live forever with God and no matter what happens in life God is with us wherever we go.

What comes next?

Peace

What is peace?

Read Romans 12:18-19

“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay,’ says the Lord.”

God tells us to never seek revenge (getting even with someone) because He will take care of it for us. He calls us to do our part to make peace with others no matter who started it.

We need to have peace with God and then we can have the peace of God and live at peace with others.

What is the latest aspect of the fruit of the Spirit we have learned about?

Patience

What does it mean to have patience?

Read Colossians 3:12-13

“Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.” Colossians 3:12-13 (NLT)

Read the following situation:

- You are waiting in line to go up the ladder and go down the slide on the playground. Another kid runs over and cuts in front of you in line. What should you do?

That's right we can wait patiently and go after the kid even though it wasn't fair.

- Let's say you push them out of your way before climbing the ladder. After all, it was your spot in line wasn't it? What do you do?

To make peace in this situation, we should go back to the child we pushed, apologize, and seek their forgiveness without mentioning the fact that they cut in line first.

As you go home this week and play with friends in your neighborhood or at school look for ways you can show God's love, joy, peace, and patience with them. Live it out!

Prayer Time

Center Time

Go over how center time is going to work. They will get a color to wear around their neck. This will be the group they rotate centers with. Their group will be different every week so they will all get to know each other. Tell them they will be in centers for about 8 minutes and when you flash the light they will rotate to the next center. Answer any questions they may have.

Center 1 – Fruit of the Spirit Bingo

Supplies: fruit Bingo, call fruit, markers (coins, etc)

Call the fruit or fruit words and have the kids use markers. Depending on time, have the kids do five in a row or go for black out.

Center 2 – Four Corners

Supplies: signs with the first four parts of the fruit, CD

Place one sign in each corner. One person is declared "it" and closes his/her eyes and all others start in the center of the four corners. Start the music and tell the children to walk to the corner of their choice. When the music stops, they must have picked a corner and stay there. The person who is "it" calls out one of the fruit (without peeking). The children in the corner called out sit down in the center of the room and you continue playing until there is a winner. That person can then be "it" and you can play the game again.

Center 3 – Hi Ho! Cherry-O Game

Supplies: Hi Ho! Cherry-O game

Play the game of Hi Ho! Cherry-O and practice patience while taking turns.

****Note: only four kids can play at a time****

Center 4 – Dominos

Supplies: dominos

Try to build a domino chain. See how many they can get without knocking the dominos over. Challenge them to get more next time. This takes a lot of patience and even self-control. Don't give up in hard times!

Extra Center - Parachute

Supplies: parachute, CD, beanbags

Have them toss a beanbag up and down while playing "Fruit of the Spirit" (song) or lift it high and hide under it and say the aspects of the fruit as fast as they can.