

Center 1

What-Kind-of-Fruit? Game (All Together)

Two leaders will stand with their arms out like tree branches. Hang the “Good Tree” sign from one leader and the “Bad Tree” from the other. Get the stack of situations depicting good fruit or bad fruit and give two to each child – one for each hand. Put masking tape on the back of each of them and have the kids look at the pictures and determine if it’s representing good fruit or bad fruit. If it’s good fruit, it can only grow on the good tree. Have them stick it onto the leader holding the “Good Tree” sign. If it is bad fruit the kids stick the fruit onto the leader with the “Bad Tree” sign.

Supplies: “Good Tree” sign, “Bad Tree” sign, pictures of good fruit (1 per child), pictures of bad fruit (1 per child), masking tape

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Center 2

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!

Supplies: dominos

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Center 3

Plant a Bulb

Have the children plant a seed or bulb and talk to them about how we will have to take care of the seed/bulb in order for it to grow. We will have to be patient until we see the plant grow out of the dirt. Remind them what will happen if they forget to water their plant. It will not grow and become a plant that produces “fruit.” Tell the kids they can learn about being patient from waiting for the plant to grow bigger each week. Next week we will get to water it and see if it has started to grow into a plant.

Supplies: small cups or pots (1 per child), potting soil, seed or bulb (1 per child)

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Center 4

Coloring with Patience

Talk with the kids about areas in their lives where they need to demonstrate patience. Have each child write how he/she can pray for more patience in these areas. The card will read, “Lord, help me be joyful in hope, patient _____, and faithful in prayer. Amen.” After they are finished with their prayer cards take a minute and pray with each child. Remind them that we can only have true patience through the power of God’s Holy Spirit.

(Have them fill in the blank with something like “waiting for Christmas” or “with my brother” in place of the word affliction.)

Supplies: prayer card (1 per child)

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