

Fruit of the Spirit

MEMORY VERSE: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

SUPPLIES: Banana Tree sign
Apple Tree sign
Christian sign
2 Kids

When Jesus saves us from our sin, we are free, but this does not mean we can sin or act however we want. Jesus alone saves us and changes us. When we receive Christ as our Savior we will want to please Him in all we do. We are to walk, talk, live and love like Jesus wants us to. This will take faith.

We know we will sin, but we are not to practice sin. When the Holy Spirit shows us we have done wrong, we must stop sinning. We are to obey God's laws. Faith in Jesus Christ will help us follow Him. We must follow God's law of love.

The Bible shows the Good News of Jesus' love and forgiveness. When we accept the free gift of God's love, then we will want to live for Him. When a tree has fruit on it, it is a joy to see. Jesus wants us to be like a tree bringing forth good fruit. In Galatians 5:22 there is a list of 9 fruits of the Spirit.

- 1 Love, joy and peace: These words make us think of God. Only God can help us keep these.
- 2 Patience, kindness, goodness: We need patience and kindness toward each other. Goodness is love in action.
- 3 Faithfulness: This word makes us true to God's promises and obedience to God.
- 4 Gentleness: This requires courage and contentment. We must follow God's will.
- 5 Self-Control: This is hard. Without God's help we will fail, but with God's help we can win.

In the Bible (Deuteronomy 13:4) it says, "It is the Lord your God you must follow, and Him you must revere (lift up, honor)." Keep God's commands and obey Him. Serve Him with all your heart.

If we do these things, the fruits of the Spirit will grow in our lives as a witness for others to see.

Fruit of the Spirit (dramatization)

Kid 1: Hey look! It's a banana tree!

Kid 2: How do you know it's a banana tree?

Kid 1: Because it has bananas on it. And look, there's an apple tree!

Kid 2: How do you know it's an apple tree?

Kid 1: Because it has apples on it. And look, there's a Christian!

Kid 2: How do you know she's/he's a Christian? Maybe she's/he's just saying that! How do you know she's/he's a true follower of Jesus Christ?

Kid 1: Because of the fruit growing in her life!

Banana trees have bananas. *(points to the banana tree sign)*

Apple trees have apples. *(points to the apple tree sign)*

A Christian has the fruit of the Spirit! *(read the Christian sign)*

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control.

You see, when you trust Jesus as your Savior, Jesus comes to live in your heart and life, and God's Holy Spirit starts to grow this fruit in your life so you will be more like Jesus. Jesus had all this fruit in His life, and so should we.

Kid 2: But how do I get this fruit?

Kid 1: Well, first of all, you have to trust Jesus as your personal Savior and commit your life to Him. Then you read your Bible and go to church and pray and ask God to grow this fruit in your life.

Kid 2: Awesome! Now how about a banana? *(Takes a banana and puts his arm around kid 1 and they walk off stage peeling the bananas.)*