

# Children's Ministries Lesson – 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Fruit of the Spirit – Summary

John 15:4-5

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Children's Ministries purpose is **to build a spiritual foundation in each child that lasts a lifetime.**

We hope this lesson provides additional opportunities for your family to strengthen your relationship with each other and with Jesus. This lesson has components of both Children's Church and Sunday School fused together.

As you prepare your space, consider gathering supplies, create a worship focal point (ideas: a Bible, a cross, a candle and an offering container), and remove other distractions from the area. Read through this lesson before beginning. *Wording in BLUE italics is information for the family leader(s).* **BLACK italics** are actions to do.

With love, Your Children's Ministries Team and Worship Leaders, Ashley Hymel & Thanushka Lewkebandara.

**BIBLE STORY POINT:** God gives us the fruit of the Spirit to help us show others what his spirit looks like.

**SUPPLIES:** Worship focal point ideas: A Bible, a cross, a candle and an offering container; praise and worship music links; Bible story link; activity supplies (see activity options below); service opportunity (listed at the bottom of the lesson).

**FAMILY CHANT:** *During Sunday School, your children begin with a "class chant". To bring that to your home, create a family chant that you can say each time. Create your own or use this one. The chant helps connect mind with body and connects everyone together. Motions/actions are in parentheses.*

Let's create our family "chant" as a way to begin our time together. Repeat what I say & do.

*We are the [insert family name] family. (whoop whoop)* ***We are the [insert family name].***

***(whoop whoop)***

*We are safe and helpful too. (clap clap)* ***We are safe and helpful too. (clap clap)***

*Using kind words is what we do. (stomp stomp)* ***Using kind words is what we do. (stomp stomp)***

*Together we can make the world a better place. (high five)* ***Together we can make the world a better place. (high five)***

*This is our family! (whoop whoop)* ***This is our family! (whoop whoop)***

## **OPENING PRAISE SONGS**

[Click here](#) for the full playlist of St. Luke's Children's Praise Music, including more Fruit of the Spirit songs!

**Supplies:** Select the links for Praise and Worship Music (use one or both links)

1. ["You Are Good"](#) (Ashley Hymel and Thanushka Lewkebandara, Contemporary & Children's Church Worship Leaders)



2. ["Better Than Life"](#) (performed by Ashley Hymel & Thanushka Lewkebandara)



## **OFFERTORY:**

*Determine where your offering will go. You may select an organization of your choice, or save it until we return to Sunday School/Children's Church to give to our current mission. Place your offering in your container. (You may use your 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary piggy bank, if you have one.) The below scripture is the scripture we use each Sunday during our Offertory time.*

Let's say this scripture together. "God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7.

Now, let us pray for those who will receive our offering and The Lord's Prayer. Does someone want to lead us in prayer?

### *An optional prayer:*

Dear God, We thank you for our many blessings. May the offering we share today bring your hope to those who will receive it. And now, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### **LEARNING SCRIPTURE:**

Let us learn this scripture together.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." *Galatians 5:22-23a*

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

#### **FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER AND INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE STORY:**

We have been learning about the term, "fruit of the Spirit". When the Bible uses the word, "Spirit", God means the Holy Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit is a gift God gives us to help us live lives that please him and show his love to others.

Let's begin to understand the fruit of the Spirit more with a prayer. Let's pray.

Heavenly Father, thank you for giving us the fruit of the Spirit. We ask you to help us live each quality of the fruit of the Spirit.

Help us to show **love** and **joy**.

Help us to have **peace**.

Fill us with your **patience** and **kindness**.

Show us your **goodness**.

Help us demonstrate **faithfulness** and **gentleness** and, finally, help us have **self-control**.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

So far, we have learned about the attributes love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Today, we will review all nine attributes of the fruit of the Spirit!

#### **BIBLE STORY:**

[Click here](#) for the Bible story video



### **DISCUSSION AFTER BIBLE STORY:**

1. Which attributes, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness or self-control, come easiest for you? Why?
2. Which attributes, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness or self-control, are harder for you and require more practice? Why?
3. How can we be filled with the fruit of Spirit? *(By having a relationship with Jesus.)*
4. How can we maintain and strengthen our relationship with Jesus? *(By praying, studying the Bible, making friends and serving others.)*

We have learned so much about how to live and love like Jesus through the fruit of the Spirit. I challenge each of you to practice all nine of them each and every day! Always remember, Jesus' love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control can carry us through anything!

### **ACTIVITY 1: Fruit of the Spirit Multi-Week Family Activity**

**Supplies:** family fruit of the Spirit poster or banner (created over the last nine weeks)

*If your family would like to make a fruit of the Spirit banner, please reference any of the fruit of the Spirit lessons for full directions.*



**Directions:** As a family, review your completed fruit of the Spirit poster or banner. Have each family member share how they have practiced the fruit of the Spirit this past week. Share stories on how you have seen others practicing the fruit of the Spirit.

### **ACTIVITY 2: Fruit of the Spirit Song and Game**

**Directions:** As a family, come up with actions for the nine fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control). The actions can be simple, such as put both hands on your head, or more advanced. Play the song found below. Every time you hear the fruit of the Spirit all family members must do the correct, agreed upon actions. If someone forgets or messes up the action, they are out! Have fun and feel free to dance too!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JdkUb2YVWj8>

*Fruit of the Spirit by GoFish! <http://www.gofishguys.com/>*

*Music by Jamison J. Statema & Darren Rust*

*Lyrics by Jamison J. Statema*

### **ACTIVITY 3: Make Your Own Matching Game**

**Supplies:** 18 – 3x5 notecards and markers

#### **Directions:**

1. Write each fruit of the Spirit on a separate notecard. You will use 9 notecards (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control).
2. On the remaining 9 notecards, draw a picture that represents each fruit of the Spirit. Ideas for pictures are found above in first activity.
3. Mix all 18 cards up and place them facedown.
4. Play matching game.
5. Save cards and play through the week to help memorize the fruit of the Spirit.

#### **CLOSING:**

#### **LEARNING SCRIPTURE:**

Let's say our scripture again!

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This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Today, we reviewed the fruit of the Spirit as described in Galatians. Jesus taught us that the only way for love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control to abide in us is through a relationship with him. This takes a lot of practice, study and

prayer but with God anything is possible! What a wonderful gift from God! Let's thank God with our closing prayer.

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

*Ask someone to close in prayer or use the following prayer.*

Dear God, we love you and thank you for the fruit of the Spirit you give us in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. What a wonderful gift we receive through the Holy Spirit.

Father, we pray that we hold this fruit close to our hearts and minds and use them just as you do. Give us your wisdom to always make the best decisions. Teach us to reach out to others just as you do.

And, Father, please forgive us when we fall short and make mistakes. Guide us back to you so the gift of the fruit of the Spirit once again shines in each of us.

We praise you and love you because you are our God. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

### **CLOSING SONG:**

**Supplies:** [Click here](#) for the closing song, "We Will Worship" (Ashley Hymel & Thanushka Lewkebandara):

*Play the closing song.*



### **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES – to continue our worship all week!**

Let's share some LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, and SELF-CONTROL with others: To help our world, learn something new about recycling, then try it out!