



SUMMERTIME

FAMILY

DEVOTIONAL

FOR THE WEEK OF 07/19/20

SPIRITUAL FRUIT

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SCRIPTURE PASSAGES: GALATIANS 5:22-23; ROMANS 15:13

BIG IDEA: THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT HELP US SHOW THE LOVE OF GOD!

ACTIVITY - SCAVENGER HUNT

SUPPLIES:

- PAPER

- PEN/MARKER

- A BAG OR BASKET TO COLLECT YOUR ITEMS

COST: IN THE EVENT THAT YOU DO NOT HAVE MOST OF THESE SUPPLIES AT HOME ALREADY, WE RECOMMEND YOU GO THE CHEAP ROUTE; AVOID EXPENSIVE SUPPLIES! THE TOTAL COST FOR THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE AROUND \$5.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1.) If your child is old enough, have them make a list of the Fruits of the Spirit. If they cannot write yet, you can do it for them. (Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-control.)

2.) Go on a scavenger hunt around your house or outside and look for an object that reminds you of each word. For example, a heart-shaped object could be for love, or something your child loves could represent love. Let your child tell you why each thing represents that word. If you have multiple kids, you could make it a race and see who can find their objects the fastest.

3.) After they have found something for each word, have your child/children tell you why each object represents that word.

DEVOTIONAL:

Do: Open your Bibles to Galatians 5:22-23 and Romans 15:13.

Read: Galatians 5:22-23

Say: These verses are where Paul explains what the Fruits of the Spirit are.

Ask: What do you think that means? Is Paul talking about actual fruit? Why would Paul tell us we need these things.

Allow Responses...

(They are not real fruit, they are character traits or ways that we should act to be more like Jesus. When we practice the Fruits of the Spirit it helps us to share Jesus with other people.)

Ask: Is it easy to show the Fruits of the Spirit? Are some Fruits easier to practice than others? Which Fruit is the hardest for you, and why?

Allow Responses...

Do: Share with your kids which Fruits are hard for you and what you do to practice them.

Ask: What should we do when it is hard to show the Fruits of the Spirit?

Read: Romans 15:13

Say: This verse shows us that God wants us to be filled with the Holy Spirit. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, it becomes easier to show the Fruits of the Spirit.

Ask: What can we do to be filled up with the Holy Spirit?

Allow Responses...

(Pray, read our Bibles, go to church, worship, ask the Holy Spirit to fill us and guide us)

Ask: How can you practice the Fruits of the spirit this week?

Allow Responses...

Ask: How can we as a family work together to be more filled with the Holy Spirit and show the Fruits of the Spirit to each other?

Allow Responses...

Make a goal as a family to practice at least one of the Fruits of the Spirit with each other this week. You could even make it a fun challenge and have a chart where you "catch" each other showing the Fruits of the Spirit to each other.

Also, Galatians 5:22-23 this is a great verse for kids to memorize. Some fun ways to practice learning them are to write them in chalk and say them as you jump on the words or to make a puzzle out of paper with the verse on it (write out the verse and then cut it into puzzle pieces).

Family Prayer

Dear Lord, help us to be filled up with your Spirit. Teach us how to show love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control to each other. We are so thankful that You have given us Your Holy Spirit to help us show these things to others. Please help us to be able to walk in Your spirit and show love to all we come in contact with. We love You Lord and are so thankful to be Your child.