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**FAITHFULNESS,
GENTLENESS,
& SELF-CONTROL**
FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT PART 3

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This week we are Talking About FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, & SELF-CONTROL

GOAL:

Understanding that as a child of God, we are to live by the 9 Fruit of the Spirit.

We should see the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If the Holy Spirit lives in your heart, others around you should see these fruits in you.

What does the Bible say about fruit?

In Matthew 12:33-34, the Bible says you can identify a tree by the type of fruit it produces. We see above what good fruit looks like.

What can bad fruit look like?

Paying more attention to everything else but God (that's idolatry), hating people, not getting along with others, being dishonest, wanting what others have (jealousy), being angry, being selfish, fighting, complaining, arguing, and using your tongue for evil.

And that's only naming a few! We want to have good fruit, not bad fruit!

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TAKE TIME AND MEMORIZE OUR VERSE FOR
THE WEEK:

BUT THE HOLY SPIRIT PRODUCES THIS KIND OF FRUIT IN
OUR LIVES: LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS,
GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, AND SELF-
CONTROL. THERE IS NO LAW AGAINST THESE THINGS!

GALATIANS 5:22-23

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BIBLE READING FOR THIS WEEK:

Deuteronomy 7:9 (Faithfulness),
Colossians 3:12 (Gentleness),
Proverbs 5:23 (Self-Control)

Faithfulness: Deuteronomy 7:9 & Acts 11:19-26

What does this verse show you? _____

If God said He would do something for you, will He remain faithful to His word? _____

What does faithfulness mean to you? _____

After you read your story in Acts, why did the Christians have to leave quickly from Jerusalem? _____

What does persecution mean? _____

Will you remain faithful to Jesus during any persecution?

_____ What if kids make fun of you for being a Christian? _____. Stand strong!

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Gentleness - Colossians 3:12 & Proverbs 15:1

Does the Bible say you should wear gentleness like clothes?

Do you know how powerful your words are? -----

Have you ever had someone say the tone of your voice sounded angry? -----

Do you think you could have tried to answer differently?

**You words can be hard or gentle.
Think about your response next time.**

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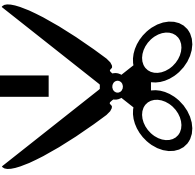
Self-Control: Proverbs 5:23

Proverbs tells you how serious self-control is to your life. What are some examples of self control?

When you think about Jesus, do you think he showed great self-control by going to the cross for us? -----

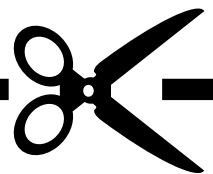
He had so much power and could have stopped all the pain and beating he felt, but did he keep you in mind? -----

Cut out this week's memory verse
And put it where you can see it!



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Let's review WHAT YOU READ this week:

THIS week we covered three of the nine fruit of the spirit. Living by the fruit of the spirit isn't ALWAYS easy, BUT we need to make sure THAT AS CHRISTIANS, we HAVE them, live BY them, AND show them to others AROUND us.

First, we discussed faithfulness. After reading your scriptures, THAT SHOULD make you leap for joy! Your Heavenly Father is so faithful, WHICH means you CAN ALWAYS count on Him!

Faithfulness is A fruit of the spirit. The Holy Spirit produces it in you when you choose to follow Jesus. You CAN ALSO be faithful to Him. Faith is when you put your trust in Jesus. Faithfulness is the action of continually obeying the Word of God. You ARE full of faith!

Second, we discussed gentleness. Gentleness is something you must "wear" every day. You must wake up AND put it on every day. The Word of God wants ALL of our reactions in life to be gentle.

HAVE you ever HEARD someone tell you, "Don't SAY it like THAT, your tone WASN't very nice. You sounded mean." ALTHOUGH you may not be feeling SUPER ANGRY AT THAT moment, your voice MADE the other person receive A ROUGH ANSWER.

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Let's review WHAT YOU READ this week:

Do you realize how powerful your words are? God created this world by words, and look how long it has lasted and will continue to last. Those are some pretty powerful words! James 1:19 shows you to be quick to listen but slow to speak. Give yourself some time so you can show gentleness in your actions.

Our last fruit for this week and our 3-part series is very important, self-control. The Bible is pretty serious about this fruit. This is one of the most important fruit of the Spirit. If we can truly live by this fruit, all the other fruit of the Spirit will come much easier.

We have to be willing to use God's Spirit to help control our thoughts and our actions. We are to be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1) Jesus not only had self-control to keep him from doing wrong things, his self-control kept him always doing the right thing! You have to learn to control your "want to's".

Through self-control you keep yourself from doing something bad that you shouldn't do, and you make yourself do good things that you should do.

We took a couple of weeks to memorize Galatians 5:23-24. Every day make a mental note to walk in all 9 of the good fruit that God gave you. Your life will be blessed and easy!

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How CAN we PRAY?

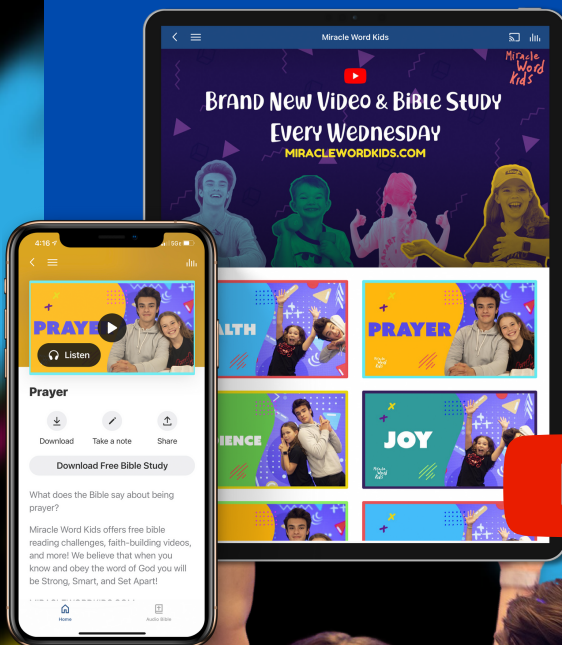
Dear Jesus, THANK YOU for GIVING 9 VERY SPECIAL AND important fruit to LIVE BY. With YOUR HELP I WILL HAVE GOOD fruit AND BE A GREAT example of YOU to others AROUND me. I KNOW it CAN FEEL HARD if others ARE MEAN, BUT HELP me to focus on MAKING me THE BEST example of my HEAVENLY FATHER.

Amen!



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