



MISSION LESSON

DAY 5: THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

BIBLE VERSE:

Galatians 5:22-23 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

THINGS YOU MIGHT USE – CRAFT:

- Blank paper – 1 Sheet per child
- Box of Froot Loops
- Glue
- Bowls

To begin the lesson, please pass out one piece of paper to each student. You can have the glue already on the tables and pour out a few bowls of Froot Loops for each table. Let each child choose a **specific** Fruit of the Spirit that they would like to spell out.

ASK: WHAT ARE THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT?

The characteristics of a disciple of Christ are produced by the work of the Holy Spirit. The work of the Holy Spirit can change us into becoming more like Christ through our decisions and actions, which impact our character.

* Do you have a particular Fruit of the Spirit that is your favorite? Why?

* Which fruit do you think is the hardest to display in life? Why?

* Put the Fruit of the Spirit word (made from Froot Loops) up in your room and think about it throughout the week. **Look for opportunities to practice this trait.**

* **Be reminded:** The Fruit of the Spirit sums up nine attributes of the person led by the Holy Spirit. We learn from Scripture that these are not individual “fruits” from which we pick and choose. The Fruit of the Spirit is actually **ONE** ninefold “fruit” that is observable in the daily walk of a disciple of Christ.

ASK: HOW DOES THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT RELATE TO MISSIONS?

The Fruit of the Spirit relates to missions in this way: if we are not displaying those qualities in our lives so others can observe that Christ has changed us, then it is likely we will not effectively witness to others. Influence comes through the supernatural trumping the natural. When we respond, led by the Spirit, we point others to Jesus.

REMEMBER...

As you live “on mission” with God, after salvation comes discipleship and maturity in Christ. Our spiritual growth is important because it ensures that we are becoming more like Christ in our everyday living.

- How do you plan to live “on mission” this week?
- Will you be led by the Spirit producing fruit, or will you default to old patterns of thinking?
- **Your decision matters!**

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