



BIG PICTURE:

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

BIG IDEA:

JUST PEACHY

BIG POINT:

A LIFE WITH JESUS PRODUCES GOOD FRUIT

BIG WORD:

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GALATIANS 5:22-23 (CEV)



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DOCUMENT PURPOSE

This document is the Leader's Guide for BIG Picture FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT. It contains an outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

The BIG 'Life with Jesus' User Guide document contains all the service element information, including the large group segment of your service.

Make sure you read through and prayerfully study this material prior to your service to be fully prepared to minister to your children.



Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of this lesson children will:

- Learn that a good tree bears good fruit.
- Know that a life with Jesus produces good fruit in our lives.
- Discover that faithfulness, gentleness and self-control are fruit of the spirit that help us in our life with Jesus.

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KIDS DISCIPLESHIP GROUP (KDG)

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Use this KDG outline to prepare an impacting small group time for you and your children.

CONNECT TIME

What is your favourite time of the week? e.g. Saturday breakfast with family.

THE BIG QUESTION (TO DISCUSS IN YOUR KDG'S)

1. How can you tell what kind of tree is growing in your garden?

It's hard to tell what kind of tree it is just by looking at the leaves. It's much easier to tell if it's an apple tree or pear tree by looking at its fruit! Matthew 5:20 (NLT) "Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, you can identify people by their actions." How can you tell if a person is like a good tree or a bad tree? By looking at the fruit their life produces. Is a person's life full of anger, negativity, grumbling and complaining? Is the fruit of their life selfishness, mean spirited actions and empty friendships? Or is the fruit of a person's life good? Great friendships, kind words, caring actions and joy!

2. What grows good fruit in our lives?

A life with Jesus produces good fruit. A life spending time with Jesus, reading God's word, praying, being planted in God's house, worshipping and allowing the Holy Spirit to work within us. Like a tree needs a little sunshine, good soil, regular watering and pruning, we need to do things so we can grow too! Colossians 2:6-7 (NIRV) "You received Christ Jesus as Lord. So keep on living your lives in him. Have your roots in him. Build yourselves up in him. Grow strong in what you believe, just as you were taught. Be more thankful than ever before."

3. What is faithfulness, gentleness and self control?

Faithfulness is keeping to what we say we will do. A faithful person is reliable, and steadfast. Faithfulness means commitment for the long haul, not just a firework of action for one time only.

Gentleness is being careful with your words and actions. Gentleness is showing others what Christ's love looks like. Philippians 4:4-5 (NIV) "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near."

Self-Control is thinking before you act. A person with self-control stops, thinks and uses God's wisdom to respond in the right way. 2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV) "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."



ACTIVITY SHEETS

Children complete the activity sheets in this time.

THE BIG ACTIVITY

Purpose: To remind the children that a life with Jesus produces good fruit.

Directions: Give each child a fruit coloured balloon and help them to use a funnel to fill it with birdseed or rice (up to the neck of the balloon). Children can cut out a leaf shape and use the hole puncher to make a hole in the leaf, punching a few times to make a big enough hole to slip the leaf over the neck of the balloon. Slip the leaf onto the neck of the balloon before tying a knot, keeping the birdseed from escaping and the leaf in place.

Explanation: You can't plant one kind of tree and expect it to produce a different kind of fruit. You can't fill up with badness on the inside and expect good fruit to grow. A good person produces good fruit from the goodness stored in them. A good person fills up on the Holy Spirit in their life. It's the Holy Spirit within us that produces good fruit. Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV) "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." This kind of fruit could only come from God's Spirit within us.

BIG WORD

"God's Spirit makes us loving, happy, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, and self-controlled. There is no law against behaving in any of these ways." Galatians 5:22-23 (CEV)

Give each child a Big Word Find-A-Word page and help them to search through the picture to find all the words from the Big Word.

GAME

Self Portrait

Give each child a sheet of paper, a pencil and a blindfold. Without looking at their page children must draw a self-portrait. When they have finished, they can open their eyes and write their name on the back of the page. Lay all the self portraits out and everyone can try to guess who each picture is of.

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank You that our life with You produces good fruit. Help us to grow in our relationship with You and keep our roots deep in You.

In Jesus name, Amen

Supplies Needed:

Leaf shapes printed from print material files onto green card paper.
Fruit coloured balloons.
Birdseed or rice, funnels.
Hole punch.

Supplies Needed:

Big Word Find-A-Word page printed for each child from print material files.

Supplies Needed:

Drawing Paper, pencils, blindfolds.