



### BIG PICTURE:

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

### BIG IDEA:

JUST PEACHY

### BIG POINT:

A LIFE WITH JESUS PRODUCES GOOD FRUIT

### 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)



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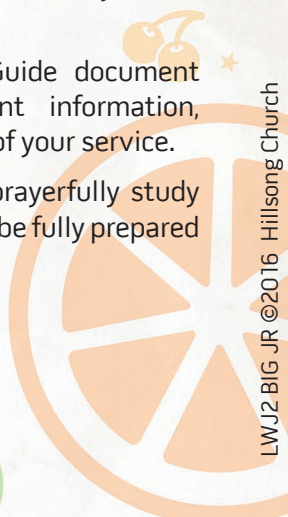
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### DOCUMENT PURPOSE

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.

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

1. How can you tell if a tree is good?

A good tree grows good fruit and a bad tree grows bad fruit.

2. What kind of fruit do we grow if we spend time with Jesus?

Good fruit! When we spend time with Jesus, good fruit grows in our life. Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV) "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

3. How can we grow good fruit?

We can grow good fruit when we spend time with Jesus. We can learn about God's word, pray, stay planted in God's house, worshipping and allowing the Holy Spirit to fill our life. 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." A life with Jesus produces good fruit.



### THE BIG ACTIVITY

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

**Directions:** Print the fruit shapes from the print material files onto thick card paper, cut out the shapes and punch holes around the edges following the guide on the picture. Give each child a fruit shape and a length of wool or a long shoelace to thread through the holes.

**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.

### PLAYTIME LEARNING ACTIVITY

Have children stand in pairs, a few steps apart and play a game of fruit basket. In each pair, one player will be the fruit thrower, the other the catcher. Their job will be to catch as many pieces of plastic fruit in their basket as they can. The throwers job is to throw as many pieces of fruit as they can.

Play the game time music and give the players 60 seconds to catch as many pieces of fruit as they can to win the game.

We've been learning about the fruit of the Spirit, Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV) "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." We can't "catch" the fruit of God's Spirit by being around nice people or putting the Bible under our pillow to seep into our brain. The fruit of the Spirit only comes from His Spirit living in us!

Just like fruit grows on trees, the fruit of the Spirit grows, little by little until the fruit is ripe and ready to eat. When we choose to follow Jesus we don't wake up the next morning instantly being full of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. This fruit has to grow! How do we help it grow? By 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." A life with Jesus produces good fruit.

### 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:

Fruit shapes printed from print material files onto thick card paper, hole punch, wool or shoelaces.



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Basket, plastic fruit, game time music supplied with curriculum media.

