

# THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS FAITHFULNESS

## PARENT DEVOTIONAL

We don't have to guess what the fruit of a Christian's life is to be, since Galatians 5:22-25 tells us. When God and others look at our trees—our lives—they should see nothing but “love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”

Model for your kids what it looks like to live by the Spirit, showing and sharing with them the fruit of your life. Much of Paul's discussion in the book of Galatians focuses on opposites. He looks at the differences between the gospel of Christ and false gospels, faith and observance of the law, promise and law, freedom and slavery. One pair of opposites that he looks at in detail is living by the flesh (following human desires) and living in the Spirit (following God's desires). The decision of which way to live makes an impact on all aspects of life. Paul is clear about the results of each way. People who choose to follow the flesh can expect their lives to hold the things that way of life produces. Ultimately, that choice means eternal separation from God.

These characteristics identify us with Christ. Paul uses an interesting image when he stresses our need to live by the Spirit. Anyone who has watched a marching band knows how obvious it is if one person is out of step with the others. In the same way, if we are not living the way that the Spirit directs us, that fact will be immediately noticed, and the results can be disastrous.

“Each tree is recognized by its own fruit” (Luke 6:44).

## 1.5-5 YEAR BIBLE STORY + DISCUSSION QUESTIONS + ACTIVITY

### WORSHIP

New unit means NEW SONG!!! Watch and sing the song with the kids. “Fruits of the Spirit” by Mighty Spirit Kids. There are no hand motions, so make up your own! Different movements for each fruit of the Spirit.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Q7bN3hgaZM>)

### BIBLE VERSE

Since we will be in the Fruits of the Spirit unit for 10 weeks, we are going to memorize Galatians 5:22-23

Galatians 5:22-23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

## BIBLE STORY

### Fruit of the Spirit is Faithfulness

As you know, we are learning about the fruit of the Spirit. When we trust Jesus and live with him he helps us be these things: loving, kind, joyful, patient, gentle, peaceful, good, faithfulness, and have self control. When we say fruits, we aren't talking about the fruit we eat, we are talking about the characteristics we have. You know what tree it is by its fruit!

We started with the fruit of Love, joy and peace, patience, kindness, then goodness and now we are going to learn about faithfulness! The Bible describes faithfulness as being dependable, trustworthy, and loyal in my relationship with God and with other people. God will never stop loving me or break His promises. I can be faithful to Him & other people, because He perfectly shows me how to be faithful. We are going to read a story about a man who was faithful to God and how God showed his faithfulness to the man...

*Read from the Bible or the paraphrased version below. Make sure to show pictures.*

*Paraphrased version:*

Time passed and many people had filled the earth. everyone had forgotten about God and were only doing bad things all the time.

God's heart was filled with pain when He saw what had happened to the world He loved. There was disease and destruction everywhere.

Noah was God's friend. Noah listened to God. He talked to God. he just loved being with God, like you do with your best friend.

"Noah", God said "Things have gone wrong. People have filled my world with hate instead of love. I must stop them. First, we'll build an ark."

"A storm is coming," God told Noah. " But I will rescue you. I promise. I'll send ALL the animals to you. Don't forget to pack everyone's food!"

The storm was going to wash away all the hate and sadness and everything that had gone wrong, and make the world clean again.

So Noah built an ark (a really really big boat). Everyone watched and laughed. Noah lived in the middle of a desert and no one had ever seen rain before! Why would anyone need a boat?

Noah didn't mind, he only cared about what God thought. So he did what God told him to do.

When the ark was ready, God said "All aboard" and Noah's family and allllll the animals climbed inside and God shut the door.

And it started raining. It rained so long and hard until the whole earth was covered with water. God kept them all safe and together in the ark for 40 days and 40 nights.

Finally the rain stopped, and the sun came out. Noah opened the windows and everyone shouted "Hooray!"

Noah sent out his dove to explore and she brought back a leaf, which means she found a leaf. The water was lowering. Then all of a sudden the boat landed on the ground. The doors opened and all the animals marched out.

the first thing Noah did was thanks God for rescuing them like He promised He would!

God made another promise "I won't ever destroy the world again." Then in the sky was a beautiful rainbow. It was a new beginning in God's world.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What is faithfulness?
- How did God show faithfulness in this story?
- How does Noah teach us about faithfulness?
- How can we be faithful?

## CRAFT - Rainbow Painting



### Supplies:

1. "God Keeps His Promises" print out. Print out [here](#)
2. Paint, crayons, dot paint or dot stickers
3. Q-tips or paint brushes (if using paint)

### Directions:

1. Paint, color or use stickers to fill in the rainbow