STORY WORSHIP GROUPS ROTATIONS HOME

### MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22-23

## TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God can help you change the world around you.

# KEY QUESTION

What needs to change in the world around you?

## MEMORY VERSE

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# **BASIC TRUTH**

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# FRUIT ATTRIBUTE MATCH UP [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

## WHAT YOU NEED:

- Fruit Attribute Cards (Four sets included in day 5 bag)
- Fruit Attribute Scenarios (Four sets included in day 5 bag)

## WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide the kids into four groups.
- Give each group one set of "Fruit Attribute Cards" and one set of "Fruit Attribute Scenarios"
- Instruct the groups to lay the "Fruit Attribute Cards" face down on the left and the "Fruit Attribute Scenarios" face down on the right in front of them.
- Direct the kids in their groups to take turns turning over a "Fruit Attribute Card" and a "Fruit Attribute Scenario" to see if they find a match.(If the kids aren't able to read yet, the matching colored borders will help.)
- Once the groups have found all the matches, bring all the kids together.
- Hold up each "Fruit Attribute Card" and its matching "Fruit Attribute Scenario."
- Talk about how the people in the pictures are showing that attribute of God's fruit.

#### **ANSWERS:**

Joy: Two kids dancing and smiling

Peace: Two friends with their backs to one another and a third friend trying to bring peace

Kindness: One friend helping another pick up his books

Love: One friend giving another friend a hug

Patience: An older brother playing with building blocks with his younger brother Self-Control: A kid reading a book, with a video game controller next to him

## WHAT YOU SAY:

"Look at ALL of the different ways the fruit of God's Spirit is shown in these pictures! Did you know that you can show love, joy, peace, kindness, patience, and self-control too? When you put your trust in Jesus, God's Spirit will help you make a difference in the world around you. **God can help you change the world around you**."

[Make it Personal] (Tell kids about a time when you chose to be patient or loving or kind when you didn't really want to or when you wanted to do the opposite. How did the Holy Spirit guide you to respond differently? How did your willingness to be that way change the situation for the better? Remember to use easy-to-understand, concrete examples for kindergarteners and first graders.)

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# PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Prayer Card: Day 5 (Located in kids' bags)
- Pencils (Located in kids' bags)
- Fruit Attribute Cards from the Fruit Attribute Match Up activity.
- **Pins** (If you haven't already, pass out pins for day five and attach to lanyards)

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Make sure kids have a pencil, prayer card, and pin for day five.
- Point out the "ripple" symbol on the prayer card and pin.
- Talk about how God can help you change the world around you.
- Ask kids to turn their prayer cards over and write down the characteristic of the fruit of God's Spirit they need the most help showing.
- Set out the "Fruit Attribute Cards" from the earlier activity, and remind the kids of the characteristics of the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control.
- Close your group time in prayer.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, thank You for Jesus. When we have trouble being kind, loving, gentle, or patient, please remind us that Your Spirit can help us. Thanks for an awesome week learning how to follow Jesus and make waves. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen!"