

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

"Whoever believes in me . . . rivers of living water will flow from within them."
John 7:38, NIV

BASIC TRUTH

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BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bowls #10
- Pepper/Packets #10
- Spoon #20
- Containers of Dish Soap #10
- Water



(Box of Supplies)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct the kids to divide into teams of two.
- Give each team a small bowl, two spoons, and a packet of pepper.
- Ask one kid from each team to fill their bowls 3/4 up with water. (Teachers/helpers can assist with this.)
- Have the other kid sprinkle an even layer of pepper on top of the water's surface.
- Using the spoons, challenge all the kids to move the pepper away from the middle of their bowls.
- Then have the kids set the spoons aside and ask one kid from each team to open the soap container, touch the soap with their pointer finger, and then touch the surface of the peppered water right in the center of the bowl. (Result: The pepper should quickly move to the sides and bottom of the bowl.)

WHAT YOU SAY:

Wow! It looks like the pepper was "chased" away to the edges and bottom of your bowls. After seeing this, which method do you think was more effective in moving the pepper? The spoons or the dish soap? (Allow kids to respond. Answer: Dish Soap)

This reminds me of what a relationship with God can be like. When we try to do things on our own, without the help of God's Spirit, it can seem impossible. But with His Spirit, we can do difficult things like loving others that are hard to love.

- Can you think of a time when it was hard to love someone? (Allow time for responses)
- What attribute of the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, etc.—do you need more of (or which one do you lack)?
- Who can enable us to bear the fruits of the Spirit? (Answer: Holy Spirit/God We can pray and ask Him to help and give us His power.)
- What aspect of the fruit of the Spirit have you seen in someone else this summer?

MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED:

- **Prayer Card: Day 5** (Located in kids' bags)
- **Pencils** (Located in kids' bags)
- **Pins** (If you haven't already, pass out pins for day five and attach to lanyards)

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WHAT YOU DO:

- Make sure each kid has a pencil, prayer card, and pin for day five.
- Point out the ripple on today's card and pin.
- Instruct kids to turn over their prayer card and write one thing they want to see changed by the ripple of God's love in the world, and how they might participate in that.
- When they're finished, close your group time in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, thank You that You are working all the time, everywhere, in the world. Thank You that Your love never stops and goes on and on and on. Please help us be part of joining that wave and showing Your love to the world. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."