

CALVARY CHAPEL OAKDALE



2023-2024

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

SEPTEMBER, 2023

This Month's THEME:

THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

WEEKLY THEMES THIS MONTH:

Week 1: We need the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Week 2: How do we bear this fruit (Part 1)?

Week 3: How do we bear this fruit (Part 2)?

Week 4: How do we bear this fruit (Part 3)?

Week 5: How do we bear this fruit (Part 4)?

(5th Weekly devotion for months with 5 Wednesdays)

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Galatians 5:22-23 – The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.



Full verse for:
Armor Bearers & Knights

Galatians 5:22-23 – The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.



Short verse for:
Page & Squires

Lesson #1 - We need the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Text: Galatians 5:22-23 - "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law."

Read: Galatians 5:19-26.

Devotional:

Johnny was a little boy and he loved apples so much that he had always wanted his own apple tree.

Well, one day his mom asked him, "So, Johnny, I know you like apples, but why do you want your own apple tree?"

"Because mom, they are my most favorite fruit ever! When they are ripe and fresh, they are the best! They are sweet, yummy and good for you. Besides, didn't you once tell me, "An apple a day would keep the doctor away."?"

Well, finally one day, Johnny was able to convince his mom and dad to purchase a seedling apple tree and plant it in the backyard. For 3 years Johnny did everything the local nursery told him to do for the best possible growth for the tree. He made sure the tree received plenty of water and fertilizer and was planted where it received plenty of sunshine. And on the 3rd year anniversary of planting his apple tree, sadly, Johnny noticed that the tree had not produced a lot of apples, and the apples that were picked were smaller than he had hoped, and they didn't taste like they should. So, Johnny asked the nursery to please stop by and look at the tree. Unfortunately, the tree was diseased and would never bear good fruit. But the nursery was kind enough to replace the old tree with a new tree, that would bear GOOD FRUIT like it was supposed to.

Thoughts from the Lesson:

Trees are supposed to bear fruit. But the Lord also tells us, as humans, we are supposed to bear a lot of fruit. Only this fruit is something the Holy Spirit bears inside of us when we are humble.

Questions for Application:

- Have we experienced the fruit of God like His love?
- Do we think we can bear the fruit God wants by ourselves?
- Do we want to bear fruit for God?

Lesson #2 - How do we bear this Fruit (Part 1)? Live according to (or be filled with) the Holy Spirit.

Text: Romans 8:5-6 - For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Read: Romans 8:1-9.

Devotional:

Since elementary school, Olivia, Phyllis, and Stacy were such good friends that many called them the 'Three Musketeers'. One mom also called them, 'Three Peas in a Pod'. And another called them 'Inseparable'. But, as time went on, more and more strain and tension became apparent in the friendship between Stacy and Olivia. Olivia started to think Stacy had become bossy and rude and it exhausted her. And that was when Olivia asked Phyllis, "I've noticed some people are not that nice. So, why are you always so nice and kind to me?"

"Well, believe it or not Olivia," responded Phyllis, "I wasn't always like that. There was a time I used to be very selfish and very unkind to everyone. But my parents and my Sunday school teacher graciously reminded me how important it is to be loving like Jesus. The Bible also tells us we need to be filled with the Holy Spirit to love like Jesus did. I soon realized, it was not natural, nor did it come easy to me. So, after asking Jesus into my heart, I also asked the Holy Spirit to help me to be kind, loving, and caring towards others. Soon after, I began to care and see people differently. I learned to love people the way Jesus does. Even today, I ask for the refilling of the Holy Spirit so that I can daily 'walk in the Spirit' like Jesus."

Thoughts from the Lesson:

We can be filled with love & peace & joy and many other fruits of the Holy Spirit when the Holy Spirit fills us. And we can ask Him to help us with this and He will be SO GLAD to do it.

Questions for Application:

- Do we know God loves & serves us all the time?
- Would we like to be able to love people like Jesus does?
- Do we also want joy & peace in our lives?

Lesson #3 - How do we bear this fruit (Part 2)? Abide in Jesus!

Text: John 15:5 - I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Read: John 15:1-8.

Devotional:

Max was excited to go with his classmates on a field trip to a large farm where they grew all kinds of fruit like, strawberries, peaches, blueberries, and nectarines. But Max got most excited when they went through the vineyard where the large table grapes grew on vines because he really loves grapes. And then he was even more thrilled when he realized he got to take home a free bunch of grapes after the tour was over.

Well, while they were touring the vineyard, one of Max's friends, Jake, tripped. And as he was falling he grabbed one of branch to try to not fall. But as he did the branch he grabbed broke off and went to the ground right along with him.

Well, Jake felt terrible and he asked the farmer, "The grapes on this branch were not ripe. Can we put this branch back on the vine so they can finish growing?" And the farmer said, "No. That branch will not bear fruit again because it is separated from the vine and we would not graft that branch back on this vine so close to harvest."

Well Jake and his friend felt so bad about ruining that branch and its fruit. But they learned a great lesson. They learned a branch cannot bear fruit unless it is totally connected to the vine to receive all the nutrients it needs to bear fruit and to bring it to maturity.

Thoughts from the Lesson:

If a branch is cut off from a vine, it will fall to the ground and will not bear fruit again. We are supposed to be like new branches that use as much of the nutrients as we can to bear fruit. And all we need to do it to stay connected to the vine, which is Jesus.

Questions for Application:

- Do we know we need to stay close to Jesus to bear fruit?
- Do we want to bear fruit for Jesus? He wants LOTS of fruit.
- Do we want to abide in Jesus?

Lesson #4 - How to bear this fruit (Part 3)? Delight in the Word.

Text: Psalm 1:1-3a - Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season.

Read: Psalm 1:1-6.

Devotional:

Little Betty was watching her father put together the bike he purchased for her. She could see her father had all the parts and the manual that came with the bike. But He never looked at the manual.

Well after hours of working very hard her father was very frustrated and wanted to give up on putting it together. And Betty was so sad because she really wanted to ride the bike.

So, Betty asked her father if he should look at the manual. Well, he thought about it for a moment and realized how sad Betty would be if he didn't get it ready for her. So, he decided to look at the book. And to his surprise, he realized he could put the bike together if he followed the instructions in the manual.

And when he got all done, he told Betty, "I should have looked at the manual when I started today. I could have put your bike together much more quickly and with a whole lot less frustration. Next time I put something together, I will refer to the manual right away and follow the instructions."

Thoughts from the Lesson:

God has given us the manual to life. It is called the Bible. And the more we refer to it and live by it, the more joy and peace we will have as well as a whole lot less frustration.

Questions for Application:

- Have we realized God's word keeps us healthy?
- Do we study the Bible God has lovingly written for us?
- Do we need help understanding the Bible & what it means?

Lesson #5 - How do we bear this fruit (Part 4)? Trust in God!

Text: Jeremiah 17:7-8 - Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

Read: Jeremiah 17:5-8.

Devotional:

Helen's parents wanted to take a very big family vacation. And the place they wanted to go was so far away they had to fly to get there. But Helen had never been on a plane before and she was scared to get on the plane.

Well, Helen really, really wanted to go on this vacation because the place they were going was very well known for being so much fun. A few of her friends had been there and couldn't stop talking about how great it was. So, Helen was hoping to get over her fear to get on the plane. And she asked her parents to help her not be so afraid.

Then her parents got a friend who was a pilot to come over and told her about all of the training he had been through for so many years to ensure his flying was safe. He also told her about the amazing amount of safety checks each of the planes went through regularly to be able to fly people around.

After hearing all of that, Helen decided she could trust the plane would get her to their vacation and back safely,

Thoughts from the Lesson:

The Lord has so very many amazing plans for us and for our lives. But we need to trust Him to be able to see these plans come true. Do we trust God can get us to wherever He wants us to go? He wants us to be so blessed. But we need to trust Him and we will be blessed.

Questions for Application:

- Do we trust God will do all He has said He would for us?
- Has God ever let us down on anything in life?
- Do we know can be trusted because He cannot lie (Titus 1:2)?

What are the age groups for WFC?



Pages
(3-4 years old)



Squires
(K-2nd Grade)



Armor Bearers
(3rd-6th Grade)



Knights
(Jr. & Sr. High)

Note: All age groups determined by child's age on 9/1 ea. yr.

What awards can our children earn?

Three special pins can be earned each year and are awarded to the children as follows:

1. Sword Pin: For memorizing 6 verses during the WFC calendar year.
2. Helmet of Salvation Pin: For bringing 3 different friends to an evening during the calendar year.
3. Armor Pin: For attending 2/3 of the 34 weeks or more (22 wks).

Is there a cost for the club?

No! The club is free. The t-shirts are \$20 each.