

CALVARY CHAPEL OAKDALE



2023-2024

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

OCTOBER, 2023

This Month's THEME:

**WE ARE TO BEAR
THE FRUIT OF "LOVE"**

WEEKLY THEMES THIS MONTH:

Week 1: We need the fruit of God's love.

Week 2: God is love!

Week 3: How do God demonstrate His love for us?

Week 4: What is the greatest love we can have?

Week 5: How permanent is God's love?

(5th Weekly devotion for months with 5 Wednesdays)

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

1 John 4:8 – He who
does not love does
not know God, for
God is love.



Full verse for:
Armor Bearers & Knights

1 John 4:8 – God
is love.



Short verse for:
Page & Squires

Lesson #1 - We need the fruit of God's love.

Text: Galatians 5:22a - "The fruit of the Spirit is LOVE!"

Read: Galatians 5:19-26.

Devotional:

Jimmy had been working on his school science project for a few weeks and had become very discouraged. He realized he needed more help, so he went to his mom. Jimmy told his mom, "Mom, you know I've been working on this science project for a few weeks now. I planted the seeds I got from the nursery and expected to see the plant grow up and get strong. In fact, I was hoping to see some fruit from the plant by now. Am I doing something wrong?"

His mom asked him, "Well Jimmy, how much longer do you have before your project needs to be done?" And Jimmy replied, "I have about 8 more weeks to go, but I am beginning to doubt if I will ever see fruit."

Then Jimmy's mom said, "Jimmy, let's talk about changing your project. You see, that plant will take a few more months before it is able to bear fruit. It is just too young to bear fruit now. So, we can keep helping the plant grow and show its new growth when you present your project. But, until then, we can buy some fruit that is just like the fruit these plants will eventually produce. That way you can present different parts of a seed and plant as they grow in the hopes of bearing fruit."

Thoughts from the Lesson:

Jimmy's mom went on to tell him that as Christians, we can bear fruit RIGHT NOW. We just need to humble ourselves before God and to admit we can't bear fruit without Him. His Holy Spirit can bear a whole bunch of fruit right now in our lives if we let Him.

Questions for Application:

- Have we begun to trust the Lord to bear fruit in our lives or are we trying to force it?
- Did we know love is the greatest fruit God want us to bear and do we really love all people like God wants us to?
- Do we know God is love and He can bear this love in our lives?

Lesson #2 - God is love!

Text: 1 John 4:8 - He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Read: 1 John 4:7-11.

Devotional:

Adriana was the youngest of four children in the LaMotta home but was known as being wise and mature for her age when it came to making decisions. One day while helping out in the kitchen, she observed a few things about how her mom and dad interacted with each other.

She noticed they were very good at serving each other. She could see that at any time one of them needed something, the other would offer to jump up and serve them in some way. And she determined she wanted to be that way with people as well.

So, she asked her dad, "How did you learn to serve mommy so well? I see you serving her all the time. Where did you learn that?"

And her dad said, "Well, I learned that by watching my parents as a child. But I have learned it even more by reading what the Bible says a husband is supposed to do for his wife. The book of Ephesians says a husband is supposed to love his wife like Jesus loved the church. But it hasn't always been easy because we are not very naturally loving towards others. I have had to learn to ask God to help me love people like He does. You see the Bible says that GOD IS LOVE, and that is WHO He is. And when I ask God to help me love like He loves, He gives me the ability to do that.

Thoughts from the Lesson:

We can learn to love people as God does. He loves all the time and is willing to give us His love thru the ministry of the Holy Spirit in us.

Questions for Application:

- Have we come to know God's love for us?
- Have we learned to come to God to ask Him to give us the power to love people like He does?
- Are we willing to be humble and ask God to give us His love for people.

Lesson #3 - How did God demonstrate His love for us?

Text: Romans 5:8 - But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Read: Romans 5:6-11.

Devotional:

One day after school, as second grader Rafael made his way into the kitchen, his mom noticed a big grin on his face.

"Wow Rafael, you look like you're in a good mood. Is there something you want to tell me?" asked mom.

"I thought you would never ask." Replied Rafael., "Mom, my teacher, Mrs. Contreras, is so kind and helpful. Even after getting a low score on my math test, Mrs. Contreras acknowledged how disappointed I was with my score that she came over to me and with a gentle whisper and encouragement, told me that it was going to be okay, and that I was going to do better next time. She also said she was willing to tutor me and help me every day after school to get ready for another test next week. So, I would like to do something for her to let her know that I am thankful to her. Can you help me?" stated Rafael.

Well, Rafael's mom was really blessed to hear her son wanted to show His love and gratitude to his teacher for being so kind to him. So, she told Rafael, "You know what Rafael, that is a kind and loving gesture. Sure, I will help you. How about if you make her some chocolate chips cookies? You know what Rafael; I am very proud of you and grateful for Mrs. Contreras. Both of you are doing a great job of demonstrating your love for another just as God does every day."

Thoughts from the Lesson:

Are we grateful for how much God loves us and is willing to give us His power to live this life?

Questions for Application:

- Are we grateful to God for His many blessings in our lives?
- Do we know how openly God has demonstrated His love for us?
- Do we show God's love for us and other people openly?

Lesson #4 - What is the greatest love we can have?

Text: John 15:13 - "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

Read: John 15:9-17.

Devotional:

Early one morning, Cliff was walking to the high school and saw something that really scared him. He noticed a girl walking to school while wearing headphones and appearing to be totally engrossed in what she was listening to while ignoring her surroundings. In fact, she was so engrossed, she didn't look in either direction as she stepped into the crosswalk to cross the street.

Cliff thought the girl was going to get run over and even heard people that were close to her yelling at her. But she could not hear them because her headphones were turned up so high.

As a car was approaching the crosswalk, another boy who was just a few feet behind her saw the car coming and he ran into the street and was able to help pull her back before the car sped on by. The boy who helped her was also almost hit by the car.

After hearing the story, everyone realized how heroic the boy was to keep her from getting run over and were calling him a hero. The principal of the school even heard about it and called the boy into his office to thank him for his bravery.

And the principal said, "You're not just a hero for risking your own life young man. But you demonstrated the greatest form of love and care for another person, and I just wanted to say "Thank you!".

Thoughts from the Lesson:

The Bible tells us GREATER loves has no one than to lay down his life for another. And Cliff demonstrated that love by risking his life for the girl who almost got run over by a car.

Questions for Application:

- Would we risk our lives for people? Even people we may not know or like very well?
- Did we know Jesus died to pay for our sins?
- Did we know Jesus is ready to love anyone who'll turn to Him?

Lesson #5 - How permanent is God's love?

Text: Jeremiah 31:3 - The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore, with lovingkindness I have drawn you."

Read: Jeremiah 31:1-3.

Devotional:

Gene had a few friends over the years and seemed to struggle with finding a friend that he could consider a close friend. So, he went to his youth leader and asked him how he could get a good friend.

Well, his youth pastor told him, "Gene, good friends don't come along all that often. We will likely have a lot of people we can say we KNOW in life. But we don't have all that many friends we can really call close. Those are the people that will be friends we can count on for a very long time. Those are the friends we will have FOREVER. But it usually takes some effort on our part to find those friends. Proverbs 18:24 says, 'A man who has friends must himself be friendly,' So, Gene, are you friendly to people? If you are, you will find a friend who will be loyal to you."

Well, Gene had never thought about friendship like that. He seemed to think friends just seemed to happen one day and that was that. That's also when it dawned on Him that God had always been friendly to him as well as faithful. So, God is the true measure of a friend that will be there forever.

Thoughts from the Lesson:

God wants us to know His love is everlasting. So, He will always be there for us. We don't have to worry if He will decide He doesn't want to bear with us or near us anymore.

God has always wanted to be everyone's friend because He is love.

Questions for Application:

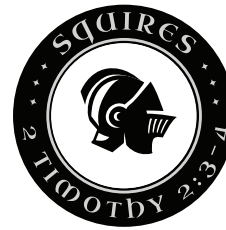
- Do we know how consistent God's love is for us?
- Do we treat people well all the time like God does or do we give up on people quickly?
- Do we work to be friendly and loving to people?

What are the age groups for WFC?



Pages

(3-4 years old)



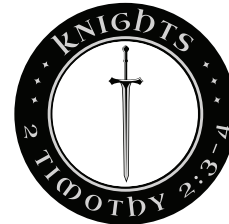
Squires

(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.