

Kids MOVEMENT»

Parent Newsletter

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Made New

Series Overview

In our 'Made New' series, children will explore what it means to be made new in Christ—not just in what we say we believe, but in how we live every day. As we look at Scripture and the life-changing encounters people had with Jesus, kids will discover that following Him transforms our hearts and shapes our choices. We'll focus on how the Holy Spirit helps believers live differently than the world, producing fruit that points others to Jesus. Our prayer is that kids understand that a life changed by Jesus is a powerful way God draws others to Himself.

Series Memory Verse

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIRV) – Anyone who believes in Christ is a new creation. The old is gone! The new has come!

Fresh Fruit

Today's Lesson Overview

This week, children learned that when Jesus makes us new, the Holy Spirit grows fruit in our lives. That fruit of the Spirit – like love, kindness, patience, and joy – shows in the way we act, speak, and treat others, helping everyone see that we follow Jesus. We read the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37), whose kind and loving care toward a hurt man showed God's fruit in action. Children went on a 'Fruit Scavenger Hunt' to find each fruit of the Spirit and discuss different ways of showing them in their own lives.

Foundational Verse:

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT) – But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

From Sunday to Everyday

Keep the Conversation Going at Home

Our heart is to partner with you in nurturing your child's faith. We believe discipleship begins in the home, and when families talk about God together and involve Him in daily life, it makes a lasting impact. These simple ideas can help you keep the conversation going throughout the week:

- **Practice the Fruit:** Pick one fruit of the Spirit to review each day, and look for ways your child can practice it at home. For example, sharing toys (kindness), helping set the table (goodness), or waiting patiently for a snack (patience).
- **Notice the Fruit:** Point out examples when someone else shows the fruit of the Spirit, like kindness, patience, or gentleness. Celebrate those moments together, and help your child see that following Jesus changes the way we act and speak, and others can see that we are made new in Christ.
- **Discuss as a Family:** Use simple, ongoing conversations to help your child remember and apply what they learned. This can be easily incorporated in your day-to-day routine. Try asking these questions during dinner, in the car, or right before bed:
 - The Bible says we can know people by their fruit. If you see someone being a bully, what kind of person will that make you think they are? Godly or not?
 - Since we've been made new by Jesus, do you think it's always easy for us to show the fruit of the Spirit? What can we do when it feels hard?