



*Fruit
of the Spirit*
Family Devotional

GOODNESS patience

joy GENTLENESS


kindness Peace

faithfulness love

SELF-CONTROL



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You will need a copy of the Jesus Storybook Bible for this devotional. If you do not own this book, we have two options for you to follow along:


1. Visit our website to access a free PDF copy:

www.ourredeemers.org/ministires/fruitofthespiritdevotional

Please Note: A password is required to view the PDF copy. You may contact Mandi at miverson@ourredeemers.org to receive the password.

2. Listen to the audiobook on Youtube at:

<https://youtu.be/XYsVYg3mdPo> OR search "The Jesus Storybook Bible Audio" by Reading for You



***But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness and self-control. Against such things
there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23***

Have you heard of the **Fruit of the Spirit** before? Do you picture bananas and oranges and cherries when you hear someone talk about the Fruit of the Spirit? Did you know that the Bible is not talking about actual fruit that you can eat, but rather character traits that you show?

God showed us His great **love** by sending His son to rescue us from our sin when we didn't deserve it. The Bible says that "while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!" What amazing news!!

God plants His Word in us through faith. The Bible tells us that Jesus is the "Word made flesh." Through faith in Christ alone, we receive God's **love** and **forgiveness**. God nurtures us with this love and forgiveness and that makes us produce good fruit that others can enjoy.

It is my prayer that through this devotional, you will learn more about the Fruits of the Spirit that grow inside of you because of God's great **love** for you.

Grace and peace be with you,
Mandi Iverson
Children's Ministry Director

Day 1

Love

1 John 4:10

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Think about someone that you really love. This might be a parent, grandparent, brother, sister, or a good friend. Do you love this person all the time or are there times that you don't get along and fight? If someone does something that hurts you, would it be easy to forgive them? What if it was a big hurt?

Why do we love?

Why do we try to love people, even when we don't always want to?

Read 1 John 4: 7-12

The Bible tells us that we love because God first loved us. He loves us so much that he sent his one and only son Jesus to die for us so that we can have eternal life. We can't love perfectly, but God does.

Jesus Storybook Bible: Running Away

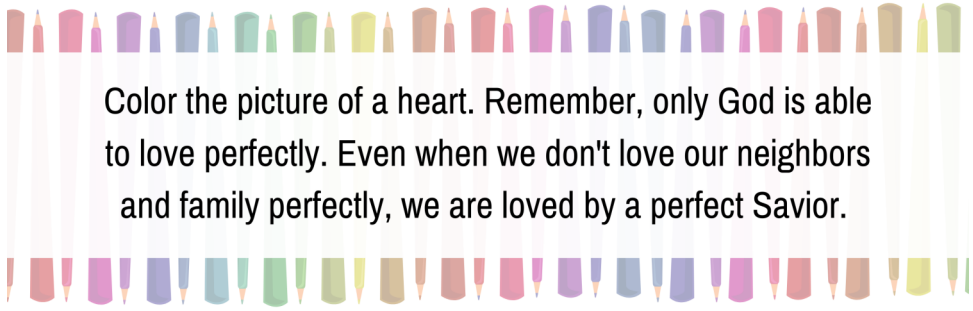
Read the story found on page 272 or follow along with the audio at <https://youtu.be/XYSVYg3mdPo>

1. Why did the son run away?
2. Why do you think the Dad welcomed his son home after he ran away?
3. What does this story tell us about what God is like?
(*We are like the son and God is like the father.
God cares for sinners, all of us.*)

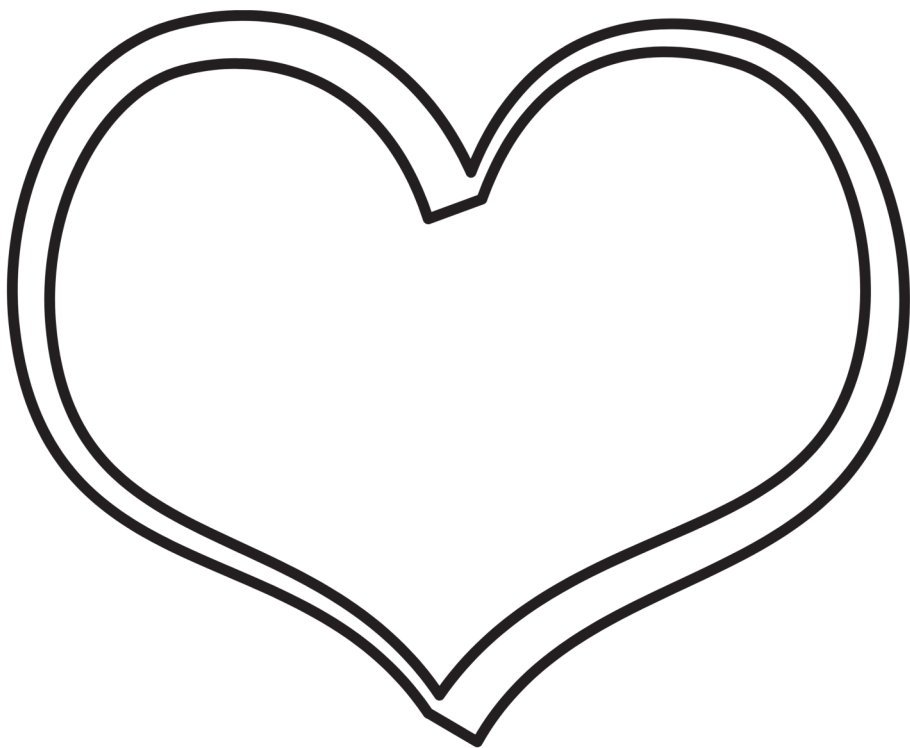
Jesus came for sinners and runaways like us. (Mark 2:17)

Jesus says that you are loved more than you know.

God's children could never run too far, or be too lost, for God to find them.



Color the picture of a heart. Remember, only God is able to love perfectly. Even when we don't love our neighbors and family perfectly, we are loved by a perfect Savior.



God is love

Day 2

joy & Peace

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

What kinds of things make you feel peaceful? What kinds of things bring you joy?

What is joy? In one way, joy is the happiness you feel when something good happens. The Bible talks about joy in a bigger sense. It is waiting and longing for the great things that God promises even if there is pain and suffering now.

What is peace? Peace is what happens when God makes us whole, complete, and secure in Him. You have a calm and restful heart as you trust in Him.

What kinds of things take away your feeling of peace or joy (or make you feel sad)? Do we cause sadness and pain sometimes, too?

God made a plan to rescue us from these things so we could know true Joy and true Peace as he intended.

Jesus Storybook Bible: "Operation 'No More Tears'"

Read the story found on page 144 or follow along with the audio at

<https://youtu.be/XYsVYg3mdPo>

1. What is God doing for His people in this story?
2. How can Jesus coming as the Rescuer bring us joy and peace?
3. In today's verse, God is the "God of Hope."
How does hope in Jesus give us joy and peace?
4. What happens in the verse when we are filled with joy and peace?
(*We overflow with hope from the Holy Spirit - this hope can point others to joy and peace in Jesus too.*)
5. How can believing and trusting in God's rescue plan change the way you live?

Jesus came to rescue people from sin and the things that cause pain and suffering. Because of this we can



have joy and peace as we trust in Him.

Make a joyful noise!



Supplies: Musical instruments and worship music.

Use instruments you have, make your own, or use pots and pans!

1. Turn on your favorite worship music. We ♥ Rend Co. Kids and also have a KidMin playlist available on Spotify.
2. Sing, dance, & play a joyful noise to the Lord!



Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;
make music to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,
with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

[Psalm 98:4-6, NIV]



joy & Peace

Day 3

PATIENCE & SELF-CONTROL

Psalm 103:8

**The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.**

Have you ever had a time in your life when you were so excited about something, you just couldn't wait?! Or, you couldn't contain your excitement and it made you behave differently?

What is patience? Patience is waiting calmly for something without complaining or becoming restless or annoyed. What does it look like to be patient? Are we always patient?

What is self-control? Self-control is the ability to regulate (or control) your impulses or actions. Self-control helps you obey when someone says you can have one chocolate chip cookie (or your favorite treat) and not eat ten. Why is self control hard for us?

Jesus Storybook Bible: "Ten Ways to be Perfect"

Read the story found on page 100 or follow along with the audio at <https://youtu.be/XYsVYg3mdPo>

1. Who in the story was not patient? (*God's people, the Israelites*)
2. What were some of the things that God's people (The Israelites) wanted?
3. How was God patient with them? (*Even knowing they would not love Him and keep all the rules, God provided for His people in all of the ways that they needed*)

God is patient and self controlled.

Just like the Israelites, we are not patient to receive what we want. We choose to do what we want over what God wants and that is called sin. God led the people of Israel out of the wilderness and into the Promised Land at just the right time. **God sent Jesus to stand in our place and perfectly obey God's rules so that at just the right time, we will enter the Promised Land as well and live with Him forever.**

PUT it TO THE TEST



Supplies: Cardstock or construction paper, markers, colored pencils to decorate card. Envelope and stamp.

1. Fold cardstock or construction paper in half to make a card.
2. Decorate the card so that you can mail it to a friend, grandparent, or other relative.
3. Put the card in an envelope, address it, put the stamp on, and have your parent or guardian help you mail the card.

Talk about it: Talk about how you will now wait for the recipient to write back. You can talk about how you will have to be patient because mail can take awhile to receive.

***Tip for adults:** Let the recipient know you are sending the letter to them so they can look for it and send something back within a reasonable window. You might want to include a return stamp/envelope as well.



patience &
SELF-CONTROL

Day 4

GOODNESS & faithfulness

Psalm 100:5

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Can you think of someone in your life who is good? How about someone who is faithful? Goodness and faithfulness can be shown in many different ways. But we will see in Jesus, through the story today, that goodness and faithfulness come from a heart that knows God, and is obedient to God's plan.

God is good. Are we always good? Are we always good, even when no one is looking? Are all of our thoughts always good?

God is good to all of His children. Even when we don't want to listen to Him.

God is faithful. What does it mean to be faithful? Someone who is faithful is your friend. Always. Even when you are unkind or hurtful.

Jesus Storybook Bible: "The Servant King"

Read the story found on page 286 or follow along with the audio at <https://youtu.be/XYsVYg3mdPo>

1. How was Jesus being good and faithful in this story?
2. Who was he showing his goodness and faithfulness to?
3. Why did Jesus choose to be a servant?

Jesus showed his goodness and faithfulness by being a servant. He was obedient to God the Father by doing what God asked. He gave us what we needed.

God showed us that He is good and faithful by sending His son to live a perfect life and die the death he did not deserve to rescue us from our sinful ways.

God's **GOODNESS** is all around

Take a walk with your family. Take turns pointing out the good things God has created. After you walk, draw a picture of some of the good things you saw along the way. Take time to pray together and thank God for all of the good things He has created.



GOODNESS &
faithfulness

Day 5

GENTLENESS & kindness

Titus 3:4-5a

But when the kindness

and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

Have you ever seen a mama cat clean her kittens? How does she handle them? How about someone holding a newborn baby? Do you hold them the same way you would a toddler?

What does it mean to be gentle? Gentleness is being loving, tender, calm, and humble in the things you say and do instead of being harsh or mean. But it is also a picture of great power being controlled. A mother cat is strong and can be dangerous to an enemy, but she controls that power when she is caring for her kittens.

What does it mean to be kind? Kindness in the Bible is a lot like what we think of kindness, like doing things for others to help them. The Bible also includes the love that would make you want to be kind and do good to others and help them.

Jesus Storybook Bible: "The Friend of Little Children"

Read the story found on page 256 or follow along with the audio at <https://youtu.be/XYsVYg3mdPo>

1. Were the disciples kind to each other or gentle with each other at the beginning? Were they gentle and kind to the children?
2. Are you always gentle and kind with people?
3. How did Jesus show kindness and gentleness in this story?

God's love is not conditional. He does not love you less when you are not gentle or you are unkind. It is a gift, given freely to you through His son Jesus. **God showed His kindness and gentleness by sending His son to rescue us and not punish us for our sins. Jesus took our place on the cross and died for our sins.**



Let's Apply It!

Supplies: Water Balloons, Large Bucket (for the balloons)

To prepare for this activity fill up the water balloons and put them in a large bucket.



1. Hand each child a water balloon.
2. Place a bucket away from where they are standing.
Ask them to try to get the balloon in the bucket by tossing it in as hard as they can.
3. After they've thrown the 1st balloon hand them a 2nd one and tell them that this time they should try to get the balloon in the bucket without breaking it by gently placing it in the bucket.

When we weren't careful with the balloon, it burst. The same is true when we are harsh or careless with our words we can really hurt other people & make them burst. But when we are gentle with our words and actions it shows that we care about others and want to treat them in a kind and loving way.



GENTLENESS
& kindness

**We look forward to seeing you all here
this Fall! We are working on lots of fun
& exciting things for you!**

Our Fall programs begin on the following
dates, watch for details on our website!

Wednesday Evenings

September 9th, 2020

Sunday Mornings

September 13th, 2020



Wednesday evenings:

Preschool age kids through 5th grade are invited to join us Wednesday evenings for our NEW Northbound program as we explore how the Bible is not just a collection of stories, but rather one Big story that points us to Jesus.

All ages will focus on the same passage in an age-appropriate format as they rotate through activities throughout the night. We will provide resources for the whole family to help further the discussion at home.

All kids must be 4 years or older and potty trained to attend Northbound Kids. Different Adult Bible Studies will be offered throughout the year. The nursery may be available (based upon need) for children of volunteers or anyone attending a Bible study at Our Redeemer's.



Pre-K - Kinder



1st - 3rd Grade

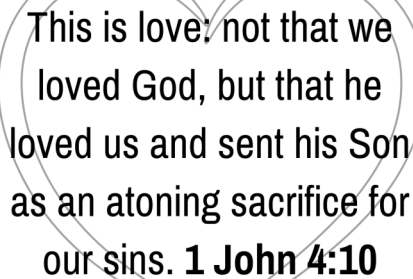


4th - 5th Grade

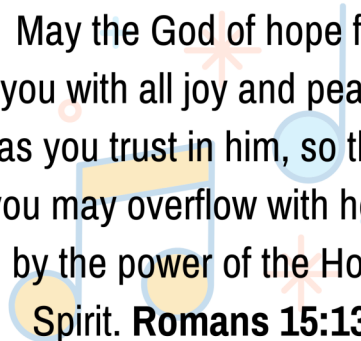
Sunday mornings:

Kids 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to join us for an hour every Sunday morning as we learn how we are "Simply Loved." We will journey chronologically through the Bible, exploring both the Old and New Testaments, and discover our relationship with Jesus throughout God's story.

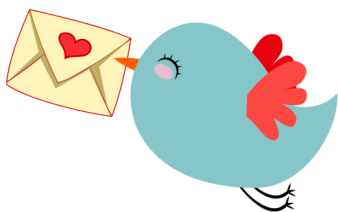
Parents or guardians can enjoy coffee and donuts downstairs or take part in one of our Adult Sunday School classes. Different topics will be covered throughout the year.



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