

CAMP

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Entire Bible

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WEEK 10

Family CAMP devotions are a way to come together as a family and interact with God's Word. We will go through the entire Bible together this summer! Don't miss the opportunity to CAMP with your family each week using this simple family devotion guide.

How do we CAMP as a family?

Come together
Access God's Word
Make conversation
Pray



C: Come Together

Come together and remove distractions. Prepare your heart and mind to hear from God's Word together today by asking each person to share their favorite fruit. If you have fruit available, cut it open to see the seeds or pull up pictures of fruit and their seeds. What if you cut open a banana and there was a lemon seed inside? Or what if you cut open an orange and it was full of watermelon seeds? Can you take the seed from one person's favorite fruit and plant it to produce your favorite fruit? No! That is not normal! Can you imagine an owner of a grape vineyard checking his grapevines because he wanted to find strawberries? That would be crazy! Today we are going to talk about a different kind of fruit that God tells us about in His Word: the fruit of the Spirit.

A: Access God's Word

Access God's Word by reading today's Bible passage together and the daily devotion aloud.



Open your Bible and read aloud Galatians 5:22-23.

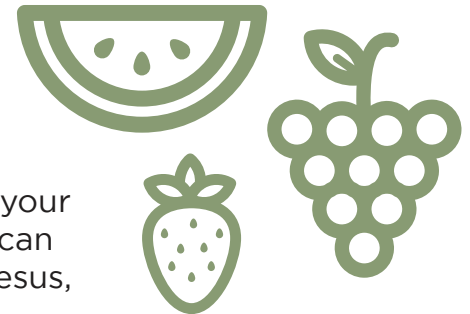
Fruit is produced from seeds that come from that same fruit: apples give us apples, cherries give us cherries, etc. Whatever the seed inside the fruit is, that is the type of fruit that will be produced. In this scripture we just read, let's look at all the fruits listed: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Do these things sound like any fruit you have ever eaten?! No! That is because the Bible tells us that these things are not fruit that come from seeds that have been planted in the ground. This fruit comes from the Spirit of God who is alive in us when we trust Jesus as

our Savior and Lord! The Holy Spirit is like the seed planted in the ground to produce all of these good things in our lives.

Sometimes we may see this list of spiritual fruits and feel overwhelmed. You may be wondering how you can be all of these good things all of the time. Well, the truth is, you can't- at least not on your own! You need Jesus! You need His Holy Spirit alive in you! When you accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit then lives in you and He will grow and produce all of those good things in and through your life! When the Spirit of God is alive in you, all these good things are planted in you- they just need to grow! The moment you receive Jesus as your Savior by faith, God sowed His Spirit and Word into your heart like a seed and you were spiritually born again by a perfect seed (see I Peter 1:23). God produces amazing things in and through our lives when we trust Him as our Savior and Lord!

Remember, the kind of seed always determines the fruit. What fruit is showing up in your life? Is it fruit of the Spirit? If not, then take time to think and talk about what seeds might be being planted that are producing the not-so-great fruit that is showing up.

If you know that one of the fruits of the Spirit is not growing in your life, God has given you all you need to change that! When you give your life to Jesus, the good seed of the Spirit is planted in you, so you simply need to tend to that seed! In order to produce fruit, a seed needs: light, water, food (dirt, fertilizer). In order for the seed from the Spirit to produce fruit of the Spirit in your life, then tend to the seed in your heart! How do we do that? We can read and study God's Word, be with others who know and love Jesus, praise Jesus for all He has done for you, talk to Jesus (pray).



When you trust Jesus as your Savior and Lord, your heart and life becomes a lovely garden that has been planted with the correct seed. Let's take care of those seeds so all the amazing fruit of the Spirit can grow in our lives and point others to Jesus!

M: Make Conversation

Make conversation around today's Bible passage and devotion by asking the questions provided. The goal of this time is to discover together the truths from God's Word and the daily devotion. Think of ways that you and your family can put this truth into action.

1. Let each family member tell what fruit of the Spirit they see in each of the other family members. Let them know that encouragement is great fertilizer for this fruit of the Spirit!
2. Let each family member choose a fruit of the Spirit that they want to see more of in their own life and name something they can do to help it grow.



P: Pray

Guide your family through a prayer to end your time together.

Praise God for the Seed planted in you by the Holy Spirit.

Thank God for giving you what you need to grow to be more and more like Him.

Confess that some of this fruit is not growing very well in you.

Ask God to help you let this fruit grow in you and to do all that is needed to tend to the seed of the Spirit that God has planted in you.

Ask God to help others see the Fruit of the Spirit in you so they will want to know more about Him and choose to trust Him as their Lord and Savior.

Family CAMP Activities

1. Plant a seed in a cup, tend it and watch it grow. What things have to be done to it in order for it to grow and produce what it is supposed to?
2. List the fruit of the Spirit on paper and talk about (or have each one draw) what type of real fruit they think of for that fruit of the Spirit (Ex. patience could be an orange because it takes patience to peel it before it can be eaten.)
3. In summer, fruit is in abundance, so this lesson can be deepened as you grow, pick and eat real fruit! Use all opportunities to encourage your family to see that the good fruit in them can grow because Jesus planted it there through the Holy Spirit.

