


Dear Parents,



Love

The expression **“the fruit of your labor”** has been used often to describe the results of our efforts on any given task. This familiar term is similar to the point of our lesson this week—the fruit of the Spirit grows in the life of a person who has responded to God’s grace by faith in Jesus Christ. Paul encourages the Galatian Christians to live their lives in such a way that the fruit of their faith in Christ is evident in all they say, do, and think.




Faithfulness



Joy


Your child will spend the next two weeks learning the meaning of the fruit of the Spirit. We will liken ourselves to Christian trees that need to be watered by the Holy Spirit so we can produce fruit in our lives. An illustration of the life-changing effect of God’s grace is the story behind the famous hymn, **“Amazing Grace.”** It is the story of John Newton, the captain of a slave ship, whose conversion to Christianity turned him into one of the most famous evangelists of the eighteenth century. The fruit of the Spirit overflowed in his life as a result of his faith in Christ. Your child will be encouraged to make the same kind of life-changing choices by allowing the fruit of the Spirit to grow in his or her life.



Gentleness

Our memory verses for this week are Galatians 5:22, 23:

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”*




Peace


We will begin **Fruit Harvest Chart’s** this week. Your child will bring his or hers home at the end of next week. On the chart will be goals he or she has set for exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit at home and at school. Please help your child find ways to meet these goals by doing practical, helpful things at home that show the fruit of the Spirit beginning to grow in his or her life.



Kindness




Patience



Goodness

*Miss Junk*



Self-Control