



Buddies LOVE adventures!
So be sure to take your Buddy
with you when you go
somewhere new.
They love going for walks and
seeing new things. You can
chat to them about what you
can see in the town, or sit
together in the park & chat.
See how many fruit trees &
bushes you can find - or count
the different types of fruit you
can find in the shops.
Your Buddy loves being with
you.



SPECIAL BUDDY

Just like us Buddies are different
shapes, colours and sizes.
Each Buddy is special,
just like you.
God made you to be the special
person you are - your laugh,
your skills, your voice.
Everything about you is unique
and God loves you
just the way you are.
Every time you look at your
Buddy remember how special
you are.



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WHEN YOU GET YOUR BUDDY HOME

When you get home with your Buddy one of the first things to do is introduce them to **EVERYONE** in your house - especially any furry friends you have. Buddies are super friendly creatures & always like to say hello :)



LOVE YOUR BUDDY



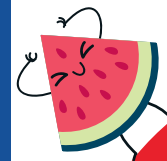
Fruit is good for us - cuddles are good for Buddies!
Buddies are made for love. You can show your buddy you love them by chatting with them each day - they are very good listeners.
They love to chat with Jesus too, so together you can chat with Jesus about what you've been doing & how you're feeling, anything at all!

FEED YOUR BUDDY

Feeding your Buddy is the most important thing.

Unlike us your buddy doesn't eat food, Buddies get strong by reading the Bible with you. Don't worry if reading is a little tricky for you, use our Bible pack and read with someone in your home.

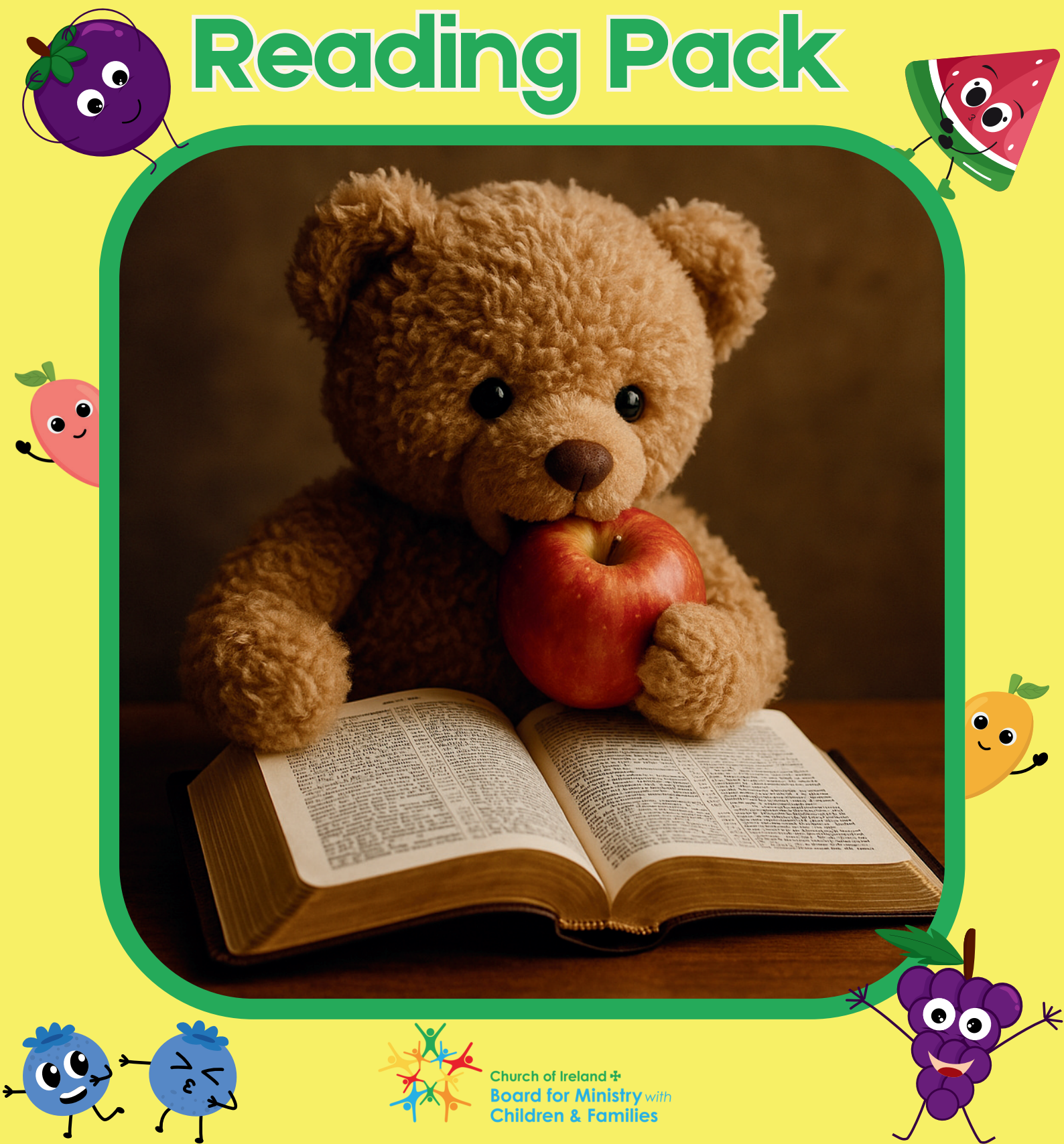
After you have read together you can draw a picture or write about your what that passage made you think or how it made you feel.





Fruits Of The Spirit

Reading Pack



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How to use this pack



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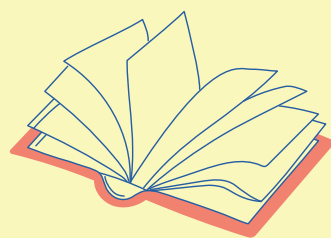


Find a comfy place where you can cuddle with your Buddy and where it's not too noisy.



Chat with Jesus

Before you read or listen to the Bible take a little time to chat with Jesus and ask Him to help you understand what He wants to say to you through the Bible.



Read the Bible Verses

When you are able, read some of the verses. If reading is a bit tricky for you ask someone in your house to read the verses to you. You can read the same verses over & over if you like them - we always see new things.



Draw or write your thoughts

There are many things we can learn from reading God's word - you can chat with someone in your house about it, chat with your Bible Buddy.
Then draw a picture or write it down in the My Notes page.



What can we learn from fruit?!



You probably know already that eating fruit is good for us? It gives us energy, helps us grow, and keeps us strong and healthy!

But guess what? The Bible talks about some really special fruits that can help us to grow in even greater ways!

A long time ago, there was a man named Paul who loved God a lot. He wrote a letter to help everyone understand how to live God's way. One of the coolest things he talked about was the Fruits of the Spirit! The "fruits" he talked about are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

When we choose to follow Jesus, we invite the Holy Spirit into our lives. That means we have God's presence and power with us, guiding us like a special friend and helper who always knows what is best and helps us make good choices.

Just like real fruit grows from healthy trees, the Fruits of the Spirit are special qualities that help us to be better friends and helpers to others. These fruits come from the Holy Spirit and are like a treasure that we can grow inside us. So, let's discover these amazing fruits together and learn how to share them with the world!

"The fruit of the Spirit is: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control"

Galatians 5:22





LOVE

David And Jonathan

1 Samuel 20

Background to the story:

David and Jonathan were best friends. Jonathan's father was a king called Saul, and he didn't like David. He was jealous of how popular David was and how skilled he was at playing music and fighting.

David was scared and wanted to run away, but Jonathan told him to wait. He told David to hide behind a rock and listen for a secret message. Jonathan would shoot arrows and talk to his helper. If Jonathan said, "Look, the arrows are beside you," that meant David was safe to come out. But if Jonathan said, "No, the arrows are farther beyond you," David should run away because the king wanted to hurt him. When Jonathan talked to his dad, the king got very angry, and Jonathan felt sad because he knew he had to tell David to run.

1 Samuel 20: 30 - 42

Saul became very angry with Jonathan. He said, 'You stupid man! I see that you have turned against me! You have become a friend of that son of Jesse. You have brought shame on yourself. You will never rule as king while that son of Jesse is still alive. Send men to go and bring him to me now. He must die!'

Jonathan said to his father, King Saul, 'Why must David die? What wrong thing has he done?'

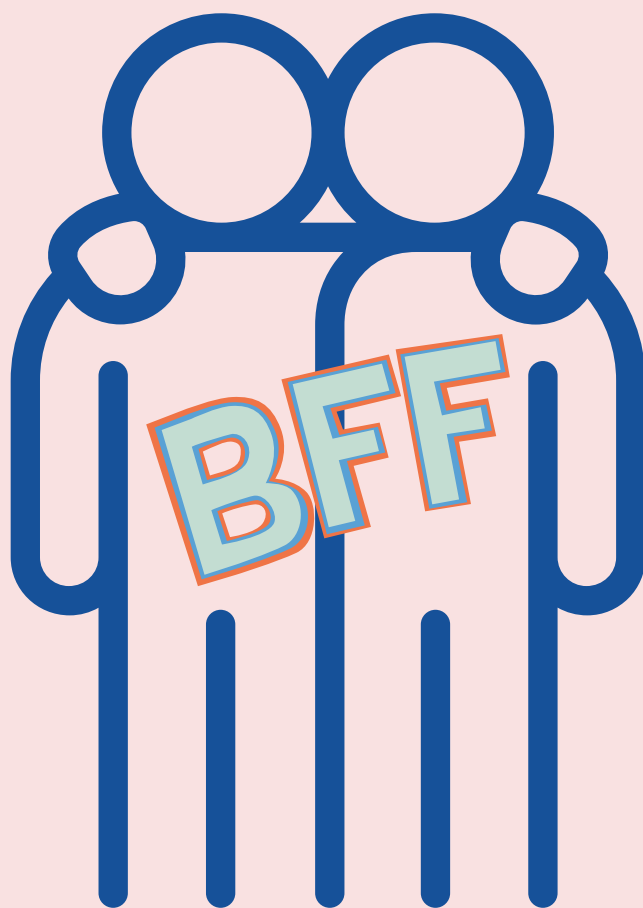
Then Saul threw his spear at Jonathan and tried to kill him. So Jonathan knew that his father had decided to kill David. Jonathan was very angry. He got up from the table. He did not eat anything on that second day of the special meal. He was very upset because his father had insulted David.

The next morning, Jonathan went out to the field to meet David. He took a young boy with him. He said to the boy, 'I will shoot some arrows. You must run and find them.' While the boy was running, Jonathan shot an arrow beyond him. The boy ran to the place where the arrow had reached. Jonathan shouted to him, 'I think that the arrow is beyond you.' Then he shouted, 'Hurry now! Go quickly. Do not wait.' The boy picked up the arrow and he brought it back to Jonathan. (The boy did not understand what this meant. Only Jonathan and David knew.) Then Jonathan gave his bow and arrows back to the boy. He said to the boy, 'Go now and take these things back to the town.'

When the boy had left, David came out from beside the rock. He went down on his knees in front of Jonathan. He bent down on the ground three times. Then David and Jonathan hugged each other and they wept. David wept even more than Jonathan did.

Jonathan said to David, 'Go now and God will keep you safe. We have promised each other in the Lord's name that we will always be friends. The Lord will watch us to make sure that we always keep this promise. He will watch our descendants too, for ever.'

Then David left. Jonathan returned to the town.





MY NOTES



David and Jonathan were “BFF’s”, but they were so sad because Jonathan's dad, King Saul, didn’t want them to be friends.

Jonathan stood up for David because he really cared about him.

It's easy to love our friends, but showing love to those who are mean or who others think of as “unpopular” can be harder. That’s when the fruit of love can really grow!

How can you show kindness to the people in your life?

What can you do to include those at school or in your clubs who might not “fit in”?



JOY.

David's Song

Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord and praise his name.

Every day tell how he saves us. Tell the nations of his glory.

Tell all peoples the miracles he does.

The Lord is great; he should be praised. He should be honoured more than all the gods.

All the gods of the nations are only idols. But the Lord made the skies.

The Lord has glory and majesty. He has power and beauty in his Temple.

Praise the Lord, all nations on earth.

Praise the Lord's glory and power.

Praise the glory of the Lord's name.

Bring an offering and come into his Temple courtyards.

Worship the Lord because he is holy.

The whole earth should tremble before the Lord.

Tell the nations, "The Lord is king."

The earth is set, and it cannot be moved.

He will judge the people fairly.

Let the skies rejoice and the earth be glad.

Let the sea and everything in it shout.

Let the fields and everything in them show their joy.

Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy.

They will sing before the Lord because he is coming.

He is coming to judge the world.

He will judge the world with fairness

and the nations with truth.

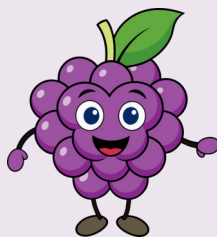




MY NOTES



In the Bible we can read how David had many ups and downs in his life, just like all of us. But one thing he always knew was that God was with him, and God is bigger than any of his problems. Even when things are tough, we can choose Joy by focusing on God. When we worship God, our joy grows. You can try this today! Worship God in your own special way—maybe by singing songs, talking to Him about the good things in your life, drawing, dancing, or using your special talents to show your love for Him.



PEACE.

Abigail

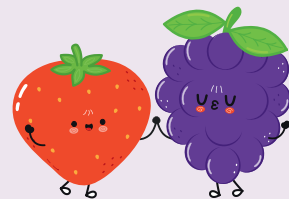
1 Samuel 25

David moved to the Desert of Maon. A man in Maon who had land at Carmel was very rich. He had 3,000 sheep and 1,000 goats. He was cutting the wool off his sheep at Carmel. His name was Nabal, and he was a descendant of Caleb. His wife was named Abigail. She was a wise and beautiful woman. But Nabal was cruel and mean.

David was in the desert. He heard that Nabal was cutting the wool from his sheep. So he sent ten young men. He told them, "Go to Nabal at Carmel. Greet him for me. Say to Nabal, 'May you and your family have good health! And may all who belong to you have good health. I have heard that you are cutting the wool from your sheep. When your shepherds were with us, we did nothing wrong to them. All the time your shepherds were at Carmel, we stole nothing from them. Ask your servants, and they will tell you. We come at a happy time. So for this reason, be kind to my young men. Please give them anything you can find for them. Please do this for your son David.'"

When the men arrived, they gave the message to Nabal. But Nabal insulted them. He answered them, "Who is David? Who is this son of Jesse? Many slaves are running away from their masters today! I have bread and water. And I have meat that I killed for my servants who cut the wool. But I won't give it to men I don't know." David's men went back and told him all Nabal had said. Then David said to them, "Put on your swords!" So they put on their swords, and David put on his also. About 400 men went with David. But 200 men stayed with the supplies.

One of Nabal's servants spoke to Abigail, Nabal's wife. He said, "David sent messengers from the desert to greet our master. But Nabal insulted them. These men were very good to us. They did nothing wrong to us. They stole nothing from us during all the time we were out in the field with them. Night and day they protected us. They were like a wall around us while we were with them caring for the sheep. Now think about it, and decide what you can do. Terrible trouble is coming to our master and all his family. Nabal is such a wicked man that no one can even talk to him."



Abigail hurried. She took 200 loaves of bread, 2 leather bags full of wine and 5 cooked sheep. She took about a bushel of cooked grain, 100 cakes of raisins and 200 cakes of pressed figs. She put all these on donkeys. Then she told her servants, "Go on. I'll follow you." But she did not tell her husband. Abigail rode her donkey and came down into the mountain ravine. There she met David and his men coming down toward her.

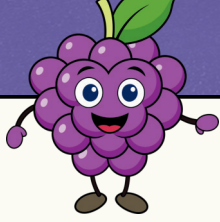
David had just said, "It's been useless! I watched over Nabal's property in the desert. I made sure none of his sheep were missing. I did good to him, but he has paid me back with evil. May God punish me terribly if I let just one of Nabal's family live until tomorrow."

When Abigail saw David, she quickly got off her donkey. She bowed facedown on the ground before David. She lay at David's feet. She said, "My master, let the blame be on me! Please let me talk to you! Listen to what I say. My master, don't pay attention to this worthless man Nabal. He is the same as his name. His name means 'fool,' and he is truly foolish. But I, your servant, didn't see the men you sent. The Lord has kept you from killing and punishing people yourself. As surely as the Lord lives and as surely as you live, may your enemies become like Nabal! I have brought a gift to you. Please give it to the men who follow you. Please forgive my wrong.

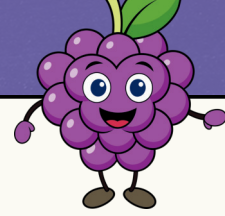
David answered Abigail, "Praise the Lord, the God of Israel. He sent you to meet me. May you be blessed for your wisdom. You have kept me from killing or punishing people today. As surely as the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, he has kept me from hurting you. If you hadn't come quickly to meet me, no one belonging to Nabal would have lived until tomorrow."

Then David accepted Abigail's gifts. He told her, "Go home in peace. I have heard your words, and I will do what you have asked."

PEACE



MY NOTES



In this story, Abigail is in a difficult situation. She could let her husband face the consequences of his actions, which might lead to fighting. Instead, she chose to be peaceful and helped calm everyone down. What do you think about the way she acted? Do you usually try to help your friends when they argue, or do you sometimes make things worse? Chat with God about how you can grow the fruit of Peace more in your life.

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A series of ten horizontal lines for writing.



Patience.

Joseph

Genesis 37 - 45

So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the robe of many colours that he wore. And they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then Midianite traders passed by. And they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. They took Joseph to Egypt.

Now Joseph had been brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, had bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man.

So the king said to Joseph, "God has shown you all this. There is no one as wise and understanding as you are.. I will put you in charge of my palace. All the people will obey your orders. Only I will be greater than you."

Then the king said to Joseph, "Look! I have put you in charge of all the land of Egypt." Then the king took off from his own finger his ring with the royal seal on it. And he put it on Joseph's finger. He gave Joseph fine linen clothes to wear. And he put a gold chain around Joseph's neck. The king had Joseph ride in the second royal chariot. Men walked ahead of his chariot calling, "Bow down!" By doing these things, the king put Joseph in charge of all of Egypt.

So Joseph said to them, "Come close to me." So the brothers came close to him. And he said to them, "I am your brother Joseph. You sold me as a slave to go to Egypt. Now don't be worried. Don't be angry with yourselves because you sold me here. God sent me here ahead of you to save people's lives. No food has grown on the land for two years now. And there will be five more years without planting or harvest. So God sent me here ahead of you. This was to make sure you have some descendants left on earth. And it was to keep you alive in an amazing way. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. God has made me the highest officer of the king of Egypt. I am in charge of his palace. I am the master of all the land of Egypt.



MY NOTES



The story of Joseph is special because it teaches us important lessons. Joseph believed that God had great plans for him, but he faced many hard times as a servant and even as a prisoner. He didn't lose faith and kept using his talents, even when life was the exact opposite of what he was expecting. When he became a powerful ruler, he chose to forgive his brothers instead of seeking revenge. Can you be as patient and kind as Joseph? Where in your life do you need to grow and show more of the fruit of patience?



KINDNESS.

The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

Then a teacher of the law stood up. He was trying to test Jesus. He said, "Teacher, what must I do to get life forever?"

Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?"

The man answered, "Love the Lord your God. Love him with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind." Also, "You must love your neighbour as you love yourself."

Jesus said to him, "Your answer is right. Do this and you will have life forever."

But the man wanted to show that the way he was living was right. So he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"

To answer this question, Jesus said, "A man was going down the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. Some robbers attacked him. They tore off his clothes and beat him. Then they left him lying there, almost dead. It happened that a Jewish priest was going down that road. When the priest saw the man, he walked by on the other side of the road. Next, a Levite came there. He went over and looked at the man. Then he walked by on the other side of the road. Then a Samaritan traveling down the road came to where the hurt man was lying. He saw the man and felt very sorry for him. The Samaritan went to him and poured olive oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them. He put the hurt man on his own donkey and took him to an inn. At the inn, the Samaritan took care of him. The next day, the Samaritan brought out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. The Samaritan said, 'Take care of this man. If you spend more money on him, I will pay it back to you when I come again.'"

Then Jesus said, "Which one of these three men do you think was a neighbour to the man who was attacked by the robbers?" The teacher of the law answered, "The one who helped him." Jesus said to him, "Then go and do the same thing he did!"



MY NOTES



Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan to help us understand how important it is to be kind to everyone, not just to those we like. Is it always easy to choose kindness?

When do you find it hard to be kind?

Growing real fruit takes time, effort and focus - growing in kindness is the same, it takes effort and we have to choose kindness. Draw or write about the times you find it hard to choose kindness and ask God to help you.



GOODNESS.

King Hezekiah

2 Chronicles 29

Hezekiah was 25 years old when he became king. And he ruled 29 years in Jerusalem. Hezekiah did what the Lord said was right. He did just as his ancestor David had done.

Hezekiah opened the doors of the Temple of the Lord and repaired them. He did this in the first month of the first year he was king.

Hezekiah said, "Listen to me, Levites! Make yourselves ready for the Lord's service. And make the Temple of the Lord holy. He is the God your ancestors obeyed. Remove from the Temple the things that make it impure. Our ancestors were unfaithful to God. They did what the Lord said was wrong. They left the Lord. They stopped worshipping at the Temple ... They rejected him. They shut the doors of the porch of the Temple. So now I, Hezekiah, have decided to make an agreement with the Lord, the God of Israel.

These Levites gathered their brothers together. Then they made themselves holy for service in the Temple. They obeyed the king's command that had come from the Lord. They went into the Temple of the Lord to purify it. The priests went into the Temple of the Lord to purify it. They took out all the unclean things they found in the Temple of the Lord. And they put them in the Temple courtyard. Then the Levites took these things out to the Kidron Valley. They made the Temple holy for the Lord's service. They began on the first day of the first month. On the eighth day of the month, they came to the porch of the Temple. For eight more days they made the Temple of the Lord holy. They finished on the sixteenth day of the first month.

Then they went to King Hezekiah. They said to him, "We have purified all the Temple of the Lord. We have purified the altar for burnt offerings and its things. We have purified the table for the holy bread and all its things. When Ahaz was king, he was unfaithful to God. He removed some things from the Temple. But we have put them back and made them holy for the Lord. They are now in front of the Lord's altar."

So the service in the Temple of the Lord began again. And Hezekiah and the people were very happy. They were happy that God had made it happen so quickly for his people.



MY NOTES



Hezekiah the King had a choice: he could have lived like his ancestors, but instead, he decided to follow God and do good things. It was hard work, and getting others to change wasn't easy. Do you think he ever felt like giving up?

What do you think he said to God when he prayed?

Choosing to be good can be tough sometimes.

What are some reasons you think it's "good to be good"?

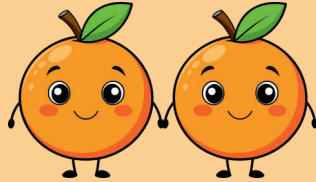
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FAITHFULNESS.

Ruth



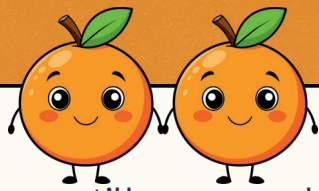
Ruth 1

Long ago the judges ruled Israel. During their rule, there was a time in the land when there was not enough food to eat. A man named Elimelech left Bethlehem in Judah and moved to the country of Moab. He took his wife and his two sons with him. His wife was named Naomi, and his two sons were named Mahlon and Kilion.

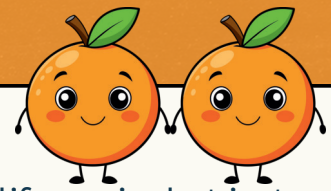
Later, Naomi's husband, Elimelech, died. So only Naomi and her two sons were left. These sons married women from Moab. The name of one wife was Orpah. The name of the other wife was Ruth. Naomi and her sons lived in Moab for about ten years. Then Mahlon and Kilion also died. So Naomi was left alone without her husband or her two sons.

So Naomi got ready to leave Moab and go back home. The wives of Naomi's sons also got ready to go with her. So they left the place where they had lived. And they started back on the way to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back home. Each of you go to your own mother's house. You have been very kind to me and to my sons who are now dead. I hope the Lord will also be kind to you in the same way. I hope the Lord will give you another home and a new husband." The women cried together again. Then Orpah kissed Naomi good-bye, but Ruth held on to her. Naomi said, "Look, your sister-in-law is going back to her own people and her own gods. Go back with her."

But Ruth said, "Don't ask me to leave you! Don't beg me not to follow you! Every place you go, I will go. Every place you live, I will live. Your people will be my people. Your God will be my God. And where you die, I will die. And there I will be buried."



MY NOTES



Ruth was still young and could have gone home to start her life again, but instead she chose to be faithful to Naomi. She gave up comfort and things that were familiar and chose to live in a place where she knew no-one other than her Mother-in-law.

I wonder if she was scared about the choice she made?

Just like the other fruits, we have to choose to be faithful and it is not always an easy choice. For example keeping your commitment to Church, or your Sunday Club when your friends are going to the park. Chat with God and ask Him to help you to be faithful.



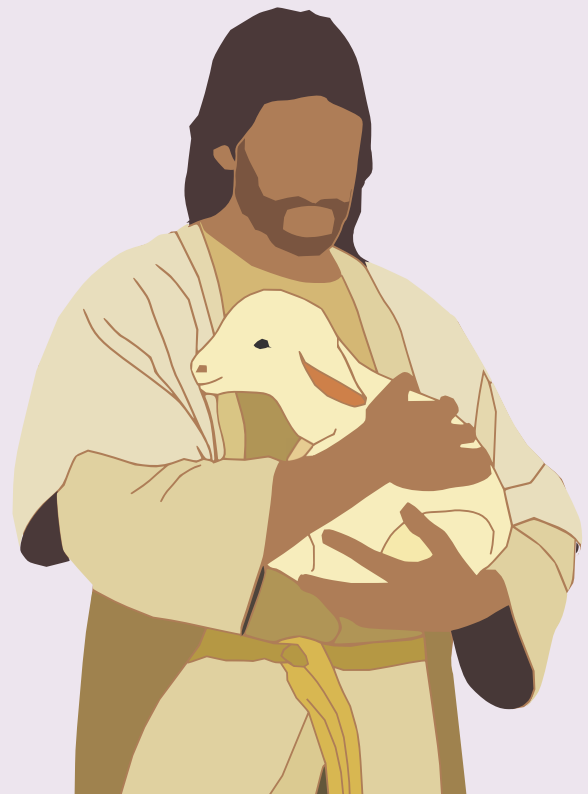
GENTLENESS.

God our Shepherd



Psalm 23 & Isaiah 40:11

"The Lord is my shepherd.
I have everything I need.
He gives me rest in green pastures.
He leads me to calm water.
He gives me new strength.
For the good of his name,
he leads me on paths that are right.
Even if I walk
through a very dark valley,
I will not be afraid
because you are with me.
Your rod and your shepherd's staff comfort me.
You prepare a meal for me
in front of my enemies.
You pour oil of blessing on my head.
You give me more than I can hold.
Surely your goodness and love will be with me
all my life.
And I will live in the house of the Lord forever."



"The Lord takes care of his people like a shepherd.
He gathers the people like lambs in his arms.
He carries them close to him.
He gently leads the mothers of the lambs."



MY NOTES



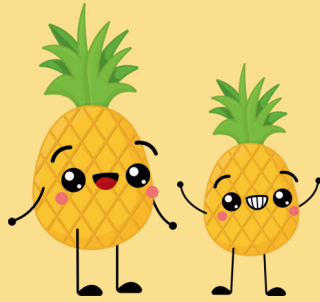
The Bible says, “Answer gently and it can calm someone who is angry.” (Proverbs 15:1). Sometimes, people think being gentle means being weak, but it actually shows strength and self-control. For example, Jesus was a strong carpenter, and he had greater knowledge than anyone else, but he still spoke with gentleness to others, even when they were angry with him. He showed that gentleness can be our super-power!

The Bible also describes God as our shepherd. Why do you think that is?



SELF-CONTROL.

David & Saul



1 Samuel 24

Now Saul had chased the Philistines away. Then he was told, "David is in the Desert of En Gedi." So he chose 3,000 men from all Israel. He took these men and began looking for David and his men. They looked near the Rocks of the Wild Goats.

Saul came to the sheep pens beside the road. A cave was there, and he went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were hiding far back in the cave. The men said to David, "Today is the day the Lord talked about! The Lord told you, 'I will give your enemy to you. You can do anything you want with him.'"

Then David crawled near Saul. He cut off a corner of Saul's robe. But Saul did not notice him. Later David felt guilty because he had cut off a corner of Saul's robe. He said to his men, "May the Lord keep me from doing such a thing to my master! Saul is the Lord's appointed king. I should not do anything against him, because he is the Lord's appointed king!" David used these words to stop his men. He did not let them attack Saul. Then Saul left the cave and went his way.

When David came out of the cave, he shouted to Saul, "My master and king!" Saul looked back, and David bowed facedown on the ground. He said to Saul, "Why do you listen when people say, 'David plans to harm you'? You have seen something with your own eyes today. You have seen how the Lord put you in my power in the cave. But I refused to kill you. I was merciful to you. I said, 'I won't harm my master, because he is the Lord's appointed king.'"

My father, look at this piece of your robe in my hand! I cut off the corner of your robe, but I didn't kill you. Now understand and know I am not planning any evil against you. I did nothing wrong to you, but you are hunting me to kill me. May the Lord judge between us. And may he punish you for the wrong you have done to me! But I won't fight you.

There is an old saying: 'Evil things come from evil people.' So I won't hurt you. Whom is the king of Israel coming out against? Whom are you chasing? You're not chasing someone who will hurt you! It's as if you are chasing a dead dog or a flea. May the Lord be our judge and decide between you and me. May the Lord support me and show that I am right. May he save me from you!"

David finished saying these words. Then Saul asked, "Is that your voice, David my son?" And he cried loudly. He said, "You are right, and I am wrong. You have been good to me. But I have done wrong to you. You told me what good things you did. The Lord brought me to you, but you did not kill me. If a man finds his enemy, he won't send him away with goodness, will he? May the Lord reward you because you were good to me today. I know you will surely be king. You will rule the kingdom of Israel. Now make a promise to me. Promise in the name of the Lord that you will not kill my descendants. Promise me that you won't wipe out my name from my father's family."

So David made the promise to Saul. Then Saul went back home.





MY NOTES



Do you remember how unkind Saul was to David and Jonathan? David had a chance to get back at Saul, but he didn't. Instead, he chose to show self-control.

Do you think that was easy for him?

How do you think Saul felt when he saw that David decided not to hurt him?

Talk to God about times when you want to do things your way but know it's better to have self-control instead.

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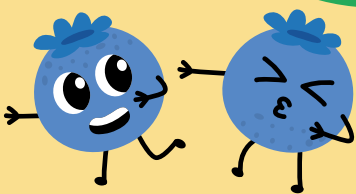


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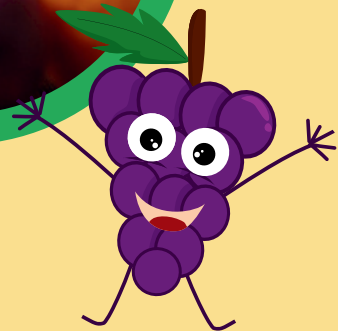


Fruits Of The Spirit

Easy Reader Pack



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What can we learn from fruit?!



You probably know already that eating fruit is good for us? It gives us energy, helps us grow, and keeps us strong and healthy!

But guess what? The Bible talks about some really special fruits that can help us to grow in even greater ways!

A long time ago, there was a man named Paul who loved God a lot. He wrote a letter to help everyone understand how to live God's way. One of the coolest things he talked about was the Fruits of the Spirit! The "fruits" he talked about are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

When we choose to follow Jesus, we invite the Holy Spirit into our lives. That means we have God's presence and power with us, guiding us like a special friend and helper who always knows what is best and helps us make good choices.

Just like real fruit grows from healthy trees, the Fruits of the Spirit are special qualities that help us to be better friends and helpers to others. These fruits come from the Holy Spirit and are like a treasure that we can grow inside us. So, let's discover these amazing fruits together and learn how to share them with the world!

"The fruit of the Spirit is: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control"

Galatians 5:22





LOVE

1 Corinthians 13: 4-8

Love is patient and kind.

Love is not jealous, it does not brag, and it is not proud.

Love is not rude, it is not selfish, and it cannot be made angry easily.

Love does not remember wrongs done against it.

Love is never happy when others do wrong, but it is always happy with the truth.

Love never gives up on people. It never stops trusting, never loses hope, and never quits.

Love will never end.



JOY.

Psalm 96

Sing a new song to the Lord!
Let the whole world sing to the Lord!

Sing to the Lord and praise his name!
Tell the good news every day about how he saves us!

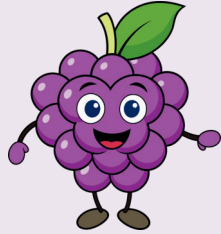
Tell all the nations how wonderful he is!
Tell people everywhere about the amazing things he does.

Praise the Lord, all people of every nation;
praise the Lord's glory and power.
Give the Lord praise worthy of his glory!

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be happy!
Let the sea and everything in it shout for joy!

Let the fields and everything in them be happy!
Let the trees in the forest sing for joy
when they see the Lord coming!





PEACE.

Romans 12: 16-18

Live together in peace with each other.

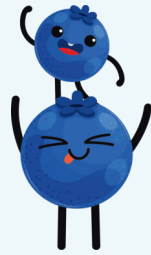
Don't be proud, but be willing to be friends with people who are not important to others.

Don't think of yourself as smarter than everyone else.

If someone does you wrong, don't try to pay them back by hurting them.

Try to do what everyone thinks is right.

Do the best you can to live in peace with everyone.



Patience.

Romans 5: 3-5 & 15: 5-6

And we are also happy with the troubles we have.

Why are we happy with troubles?

Because we know that these troubles make us more patient. And this patience is proof that we are strong. And this proof gives us hope. And this hope will never disappoint us.

We know this because God has poured out his love to fill our hearts through the Holy Spirit he gave us.

Romans 5:3-5

All patience and encouragement come from God. And I pray that God will help you all agree with each other, as Christ Jesus wants. Then you will all be joined together. And all together you will give glory to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:5-6



KINDNESS.



Ephesians 4:29-32

When you talk, don't say anything bad.

But say the good things that people need — whatever will help them grow stronger.

Then what you say will be a blessing to those who hear you.

Never be bitter, angry, or mad. Never shout angrily or say things to hurt others. Never do anything evil.

Be kind and loving to each other. Forgive each other the same as God forgave you through Christ.



GOODNESS.



Romans 12:9-13

Your love must be real. Hate what is evil.

Do what is good.

Love each other in a way that makes you feel close like brothers and sisters. And give each other more honour than you give yourself.

As you serve the Lord, work hard and don't be lazy.

Be excited about serving him!

Be happy because of the hope you have.

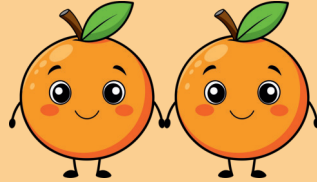
Be patient when you have troubles. Pray all the time.

Share with God's people who need help.

Look for people who need help and welcome them into your homes.



FAITHFULNESS.



Proverbs 3: 1-3

My child, don't forget what I teach you.

Always remember what I tell you to do.

My teaching will give you a long and prosperous life.

Never let go of loyalty and faithfulness.

Tie them around your neck; write them on your heart.

Proverbs 3:1-3



GENTLENESS.



Ephesians 4: 1-3 & Isaiah 40: 11

Live the way God's people should live, because he chose you to be his.

Always be humble and gentle.

Be patient and accept each other with love.

You are joined together with peace through the Spirit. Do all you can to continue as you are, letting peace hold you together.

Ephesians 4:1-3

"The Lord takes care of his people like a shepherd.

He gathers the people like lambs in his arms.

He carries them close to him.

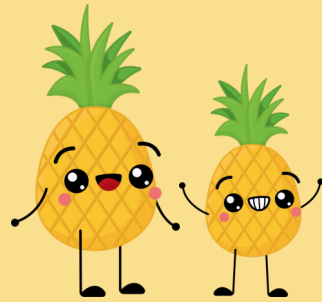
He gently leads the mothers of the lambs."

Isaiah 40:11





SELF-CONTROL.



1 Timothy 1: 7-8 & 2 Peter 1: 5-7

God did not give us a spirit that makes us afraid.

He gave us a spirit of power and love and self-control.

So do not be ashamed to tell people about our Lord Jesus.

1 Timothy 1:7-8

Because you have these blessings, you should try as much as you can to add these things to your lives: to your faith, add goodness; and to your goodness, add knowledge; and to your knowledge, add self-control; and to your self-control, add the ability to hold on; and to your ability to hold on, add service for God; and to your service for God, add kindness for your brothers and sisters in Christ; and to this kindness, add love.

2 Peter 1:5-7



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