

June - Walkers

Toddler Tips



Keep in mind that our Walkers are very young. They are not yet ready to sit in a circle and listen. The best approach is to read the Trail Log and do the lesson with Mighty Mouse while they are eating snack. They are already sitting! Children this age learn best through play. Use the **Play-Time Connection** to talk to them about the lesson throughout the morning while they are playing.

Theme Points



Theme: Fruit of the Spirit

Central Question: *Why does God give us the Fruit of the Spirit?*

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:25 *Care for each other.*

Bible Passage: Luke 5:1-26 – Jesus heals a paralyzed man.

Key Point: God wants us to get along with others. Sometimes that can be hard. God gives us the fruit of the Spirit to help us show others His love and kindness. Using the fruit of the Spirit is always a good choice.

For Teachers: *Jehovah Raah* means “The Lord My Shepherd” and is the beginning phrase in Psalm 23. The root word for “raah” means to care for domestic animals in a pasture. God cares for us in both practical and spiritual ways. Sheep are timid, fearful, gullible and vulnerable animals. They are completely dependent on the shepherd to care for them. Likewise, we should be completely dependent on the Lord. In following His example, as He cares for us, we should care for others. (From: <http://namesforgod.net/jehovah-rohi/> & <https://dailynamesofgod.wordpress.com/2012/08/15/jehovah-raah-or-rohi-lord-is-my-shepherd/>)

Play-Time Connection



Toy Time – Make fruit salad with the toy food. As you “eat” the fruit tell the children that God gives us special fruit to help us be kind to others. Name some of the Fruits of the Spirit. For example, eat the “apples of patience” or the “lemons of kindness.”

Sensory Bottles Shake up the bottles and watch the objects inside. Ask a child to find a certain object. Tell the child how it connects to the lesson.

Bible TREK Velcro Train Invite the children to pull off the pictures and put them back on. Talk with them about how the pictures connect to the theme.

Bible Lesson



Trail Log Entry

(Read from story page. Have the children lift the flaps.)

Dear Trail Log... Our names are Jimmy and Julie. We have been walking in the woods. We went strawberry picking today. Strawberries are fruit. Grandma said God gives us special fruit to help us get along with others. It's called the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control. Does the Bible tell us why God gave us the fruit of the Spirit?



Mighty Mouse

- Jimmy and Julie's Grandpa told them about God's special fruit of the Spirit. Using the fruit of the Spirit is always a good choice. Our memory verse tells us why God gives us the fruit of the Spirit.
- Let's say our memory verse. 1 Corinthians 12:25 *Care for each other.*
- Hey, I know a chapter in the Bible that tells about dad who used the fruit of the Spirit.
- (Teacher reads the Bible story.)
- These men used the fruit of the Spirit to find help for their friend.
- Let's say the memory verse. 1 Corinthians 12:25 *Care for each other.*
- Great job, kids! The Bible tells us that using the fruit of the Spirit is a good way to care for others.