

May - 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: Romans 15:2 *We should help others.*

Bible Passage: Mark 5:22-24 & 35-43— Jesus heals a little girl.

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 Ezer* means “The Lord our Help.” In 1 Samuel 7 the Israelites were under attack by the Philistines. The prophet Samuel prayed for them and the Lord gave them victory. Samuel set up a large stone as a memorial to the Lord and named it Ebenezer. In Hebrew “eben” means “stone” and “ezer” means “help.” This “stone of help” was Samuel’s acknowledgment that the Lord had helped them. The Lord is also our help as we overcome the battle with sin and learn to live according to the Word of God.

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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 found wild blueberries to eat. Grandpa said that blueberries are fruit. God also 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 it together. Romans 15:2 *We should help others.*
- (Teacher reads the Bible story.)
- Jairus used the fruit of the Spirit to find help for his little girl.
- Say the memory verse with the kids. Romans 15:2 *We should help others.*
- That will help Jimmy and Julie. The Bible tells us that the fruit of the Spirit lets us help others.