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Fruit Of The Spirit

June 12th and 13th, 2021

JOY

Bible Passage: Galatians 5:22-23

Memory Verse

“The JOY of the Lord is your strength.”

Nehemiah 8:10

**Thank you so much for watching our Calvary Kids online message today!!**

**Here are some fun ways to dig deeper into today’s lesson with the entire family.**

1. **TODAY’S BIBLE LESSON SUMMARY**

With God’s Spirit living in us, we can bear and share the Fruits of the Spirit are God’s attributes and character with others. There are nine attributes or characteristics that make up the Fruits of the Spirit that grow in our lives just as fruit grows on a tree. When we love Jesus, we reflect Jesus by how we act and treat others. Love is the first fruit and Joy is the next Fruit of the Spirit. Joy comes from the true and perfect love of Jesus in us. Joy is not about being happy. Being happy comes and goes, but joy is internal, it comes from our personal relationship with Jesus. Joy is hope, it is our hope in Jesus. We will face problems and difficult situations in our life, and we cannot plan for them, they are unavoidable. We cannot change our circumstances, but we can learn and grow from them. How we respond to these situations is what is important. In all situations we are called to choose joy. We find comfort knowing that God is in control, and He will help us. Our joy and purpose in life is Jesus and our relationship with Him. We can try to be joyful but only God can give us real joy. Joy is necessary for sharing love, it gives us confidence to stand firm in our faith. We can’t just be joyful on our own, we need Jesus. Joy does not come from things, it comes from Jesus.

**EXPERIENCE THE STORY**

* **Family Activity (Do the following activity together as a family to reinforce the Bible Lesson and spend time together.)**

For a fun family activity, create a “Filled with Joy Activity.” You will need the following supplies, Plastic water bottle, Baking soda, vinegar, balloons, funnel, sharpie, tablespoon and safety glasses. Fill the empty water a 1/3 of the way with vinegar, (This represents the Holy Spirt living in our heart). Place the funnel into the balloon opening (Neck), add a spoonful of baking soda into the funnel to go inside of the balloon, (Baking soda represents how we spend time growing our relationship with Jesus). We do this by reading the Bible, praying, worship, talking to others and such). Attach the Neck (Opening) of the balloon to the opening of the water bottle with the vinegar in it. Next, slowly lift up the balloon into an upright position, and watch what happens, (This represents the Holy Spirit filling us up with joy as we love, grow and spend time with Jesus). Joy comes from our relationship with Jesus. Only God can give us real joy, so we can be filled with joy even when bad things happen.

1. **FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (Have a family discussion about the Bible Lesson and ask the following questions. Retell the story if needed by reading the Bible Passages from our lesson.)**
2. **Love is the first Fruit of the Spirit, what is the next one?** (Joy is the next Fruit of the Spirit.)
3. **Where does real joy come from?** (Joy comes from the true and perfect love of Jesus in us.)
4. **Who gives us real joy?** (God gives us real joy.)
5. **When we face problems, what should we do?** (Look to Jesus for help and know that He is in control and will carry you through the problem.)
6. **What is our joy and purpose in life?** (Our joy and purpose is Jesus and our relationship with Him.)
7. **PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE: (Help kids memorize and understand their Bible Verse.)**

**“The JOY of the Lord is your strength.” Nehemiah 8:10**

**SAY:** The verse reminds us that real joy comes from knowing that God is control and nothing happens without His knowledge. God has promised that all things work together for the good of those who love Him with all their heart, mind and soul. As believers of Jesus, we have access to God’s boundless joy that comes from Him alone. All joy comes from the Lord and it is our strength to face temptations, trails and to enjoy all the blessings that the Lord provides.

1. **FAMILY REFECTION AND PRAYER: (Time to reflect on the over arcing theme of our Bible Lesson and spend time in Prayer.)**

**SAY:** Joy is a character that most of us get wrong. It is not about being happy but enjoying our relationship with Jesus. Joy does not come from things and circumstances; real joy comes from the Lord and is our strength. The key to joy is to look to Jesus, not our situation. Joy is hope, it is our hope in Jesus. When we face problems, how we deal with them is what is important for our life and faith. Our joy is our relationship with Jesus, so when we face difficult times, we have comfort knowing that God is in control and will not give us more than we can handle. The joy of the Lord is our strength.

1. **PRAY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY. ENJOY YOUR TIME LEARNING ABOUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT.**