



WHO HELPS US LIVE THE WAY WE SHOULD?

BIBLE STORY: The Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-26)

BIBLE TRUTH: God's Holy Spirit leads us to live like God wants us to.

BIBLE VERSE: I say then, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not carry out the desire of the flesh. *Galatians 5:16*

BONUS VERSE: When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth. For he will not speak on his own, but he will speak whatever he hears. He will also declare to you what is to come. *John 16:13*

Over the next few weeks, your child will be learning how to live out his or her faith in a genuine way. This week, TeamKIDs explored Paul's explanation of the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians. They learned that believers can only live the way God intended through the power of the Holy Spirit. Paul listed nine examples of the Christian life. He called these attitudes and actions the fruit of the Spirit. They are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

It is a daily choice to follow God and live according to His Spirit. Even though temptation will still exist for believers, it should not control us. The fruit of the Spirit offers a new start, a new nature—one that is clear evidence to others of the Holy Spirit working in our lives. This week's Bible verse gives believers a clear picture of the concept, "I say then, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not carry out the desire of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16).

In the coming week, help reinforce this concept: The way we live our lives is evidence of our relationship with God. He sent His Holy Spirit to lead us to live in a way that is pleasing to Him. Which fruit of the Spirit is evident in your child's life? Which fruit needs greater attention? Remind your child to be aware of his or her attitudes and actions in every situation because the life of every Christian should be a positive representation of Jesus Christ to the world. This week, when you pray, ask God to help your child display the fruit of the Spirit in his or her life.

