Fruit of the Spirit sorting activity



27 scenario cards · 9 fruit mats · leader key · about 15 minutes

GALATIANS 5:22-23 (WORLD ENGLISH BIBLE)

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

How to run it

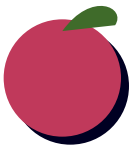
- Print the mats (page 2) once per table and the cards (pages 3-4) on card stock. Cut the cards apart.
- Read Galatians 5:22-23 aloud together. Ask the group to name one fruit from memory.
- Deal the cards face down. Each child reads one aloud and places it on the fruit mat they think fits.
- Ask “why that one?” A card can fit more than one fruit. The key below gives the main fruit and a second one that also fits.
- Close by asking each child which card they could do this week.

Leader key

1. Gentleness (also: Kindness)
2. Kindness (also: Love)
3. Joy (also: Peace)
4. Kindness
5. Gentleness (also: Self-control)
6. Goodness (also: Faith)
7. Love
8. Goodness (also: Faith)
9. Peace (also: Faith)
10. Faith (also: Goodness)
11. Peace (also: Patience)
12. Faith (also: Patience)
13. Self-control (also: Peace)
14. Patience (also: Self-control)
15. Gentleness
16. Self-control (also: Patience)
17. Love (also: Gentleness)
18. Self-control (also: Faith)
19. Goodness (also: Self-control)
20. Patience (also: Kindness)
21. Love (also: Kindness)
22. Joy (also: Love)
23. Joy
24. Peace (also: Gentleness)
25. Patience (also: Faith)
26. Faith (also: Love)
27. Kindness (also: Joy)

Scripture: World English Bible (public domain). WEB says “faith”; many translations say “faithfulness”. Free to print and copy for your class, not for sale. Made by Honest Little Apps, the studio behind the Ninefruit app.

Sorting mats: place each card on a fruit



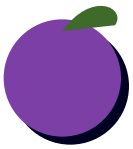
Love



Joy



Peace



Patience



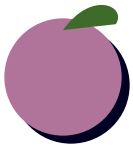
Kindness



Goodness



Faith



Gentleness



Self-control

CARD 1

A friend reads a word wrong out loud. You do not laugh; you quietly help him sound it out.

CARD 2

It starts raining at the bus stop. You share your umbrella with a classmate.

CARD 3

Your team loses the game. You still thank the coach and laugh with friends on the way home.

CARD 4

Someone is carrying a heavy box to the classroom. You hold the door open.

CARD 5

Your baby cousin pulls your hair. You gently open his fingers instead of yelling.

CARD 6

You tell your teacher that you were the one who spilled the paint.

CARD 7

You make a get-well card for Grandpa and read it to him on the phone.

CARD 8

You find five dollars on the playground and take it to the office.

CARD 9

Before a big spelling test, you take three slow breaths and say a short prayer.

CARD 10

You promised to feed the fish while your neighbors were away. You do it every single day.

CARD 11

Two of you want the red marker. You suggest taking turns, five minutes each.

CARD 12

Your aunt is sick. You keep praying for her, week after week.

CARD 13

You are really angry at your brother. You walk away and count to ten instead of hitting.

CARD 14

The line for the slide is long. You wait your turn without pushing.

CARD 15

You carry the class pet carefully, with two hands.

CARD 16

You want to open your birthday present early, but you wait for the party.

CARD 17

Your sister knocks over your block tower by accident and starts to cry. You give her a hug.

CARD 18

Mom says one more episode, then bed. You turn the screen off when it ends.

CARD 19

Kids are copying answers during a quiz. You cover your paper and do your own work.

CARD 20

Your little brother asks the same question five times. You answer nicely every time.

CARD 21

A new kid sits alone at lunch. You save a seat for them every day this week.

CARD 22

Your friend wins the art prize you wanted. You cheer the loudest.

CARD 23

You sing while you help dry the dishes.

CARD 24

After an argument, you say sorry first, even though it was not all your fault.

CARD 25

Your bean seed has not sprouted yet. You keep watering it every day.

CARD 26

You said you would play with a friend at recess. A cooler group invites you, and you keep your word.

CARD 27

You leave a note in a shy classmate's desk: “You are really good at drawing.”