

BACK TO SCHOOL

FAMILY DEVO

READ:

GALATIANS 5:22-26

SAY:

SCHOOL SEASON IS HERE! THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO THINK ABOUT HOW OUR WORDS AND ACTIONS AFFECT OTHERS. OUR WORDS AND ACTIONS WILL REFLECT THE "FRUIT" THAT IS GROWING ON THE INSIDE. THE PASSAGE WE JUST READ TALKS ABOUT THE KIND OF "FRUIT" THAT SHOULD BE GROWING IN OUR LIVES: THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT. WHEN THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS GROWING INSIDE OF US, WE WILL USE OUR WORDS AND ACTIONS TO BUILD OTHERS UP AND SHOW THEM JESUS. IF YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO FOLLOW JESUS, YOU HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVING INSIDE OF YOU. THAT MEANS WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO OR A SITUATION SEEMS TOO HARD, YOU CAN ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP YOU AND GUIDE YOU.

PRAY:

LORD, WE ARE ASKING YOU TO GROW THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES EVERYDAY. LEAD US AND SHOW US WHAT WE SHOULD DO AND SAY TO GLORIFY YOU THIS SCHOOL YEAR. AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT:

1. CAN YOU NAME ALL 9 OF THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT?
2. WHICH FRUIT(S) DO YOU STRUGGLE WITH GROWING IN YOUR LIFE?
3. HOW CAN YOU USE YOUR WORDS AND ACTIONS TO SHOW JESUS TO OTHERS THIS SCHOOL YEAR?

PLAY A GAME:

1. FIND A PIECE OF FRUIT THAT CAN BE TOSSED AROUND.
2. HAVE THE FAMILY SIT DOWN ON THE FLOOR.
3. SET A TIMER FOR 15 SECONDS. WHEN THE TIMER GOES OFF, WHOEVER IS HOLDING THE FRUIT WILL CHOOSE ONE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT AND GIVE AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO USE IT TO POSITIVELY AFFECT OTHERS.
4. KEEP PLAYING UNTIL EVERYONE HAS GOTTEN THE FRUIT AT LEAST ONCE.