



CELEBRATING FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT IN WORSHIP

BIBLE READING OPTION

The Message Bible version of Galatians 5:22-26 is a very powerful way to read these well-known verses.

DRAMA OPTIONS

- Appendix 2 – Skit: Can't you pick something easier?
- Appendix 3 – Drama: Which fruit is better?

PRAYER IDEA

Fruit Basket Prayer

Materials:

- Light coloured paper to cut out various shapes of fruit (photocopy the shapes if needed)
- Basket
- Pens
- A list of the nine fruits of the Spirit

Choose and write one of the nine fruits of the Spirit on a fruit shape then write a specific prayer for that fruit. These can be written individually, in pairs or small groups. Place them all in the basket.

Have all the participants sit in a circle. Pass the basket around the circle so that each person can take one fruit and pray the prayer.

Make sure the prayers are age-appropriate for reading skills or pair up younger children with someone who can read. Put the basket in the middle of the circle, and when people have finished they can put the prayers back in the basket.

This idea can be modified and used during worship.

Materials:

- Light coloured paper to cut out various shapes of fruit (photocopy the shapes if needed)
- Basket
- Pens

Hand out a fruit shape and pens to everyone as they come into worship.

During prayers, people can write a prayer about one of the fruits of the Spirit and go up to the altar to place their prayers in the basket. Or, have the ushers collect them and place the basket on the altar.

OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN

- Appendix 15 – colouring in sheet
- Appendix 5 – Worship Notes

BLESSING

Bless each other in the following words:

(Name), live your life filled with the Holy Spirit practising the fruits of the Spirit in every detail of your life.

TAKE HOMES

Encourage families to continue their *Fruits of the Spirit* journey at home. We have included a **Family fruit focus** booklet for you to give families – see Appendix 25.