



Story: Fruit of the Spirit 2

SUPPLIES NEEDED

You will need the following:

22 Sheets of [Cardstock](#) (8.5" x 11")

22 3 mil Laminating [Film](#)

DIRECTIONS

- Print pages 2-13 two-sided. Laminate the story pages.
- Print page 14 one-sided. Laminate and cut out the pictures. Use clear Velcro dots to attach the pictures to page 2.
- Print pages 15-24 two-sided. Cut the "letters" along the gray line. Laminate all the letters and cut them apart.
- As students arrive, give them a few letters and ask them to look up the verses and fill in the blanks using a transparency (wet erase) marker.
- During class, read the story while holding up the pictures. When you come to the verses in the lesson, have the students take turns reading their "letters." At the end of class, they should put their "letters" in the correct "mailbox" (see Epistles Mailbox Bulletin Board).

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Hold up Picture:

What did we talk about last time? *(The Fruits of the Spirit)* Who can name the first four Fruits of the Spirit? *(Love, Joy, Peace, and Patience)*

[Add the pictures to the front as the students name them]

Good job remembering those. Let's learn about the last 5...

KINDNESS & GOODNESS



Hold up picture:

The next two Fruits of the Spirit are similar: Kindness and Goodness. How would you define these words? *(Compassionate, friendly, helpful, righteous, honorable)* Let's see what the Bible says about Kindness and Goodness.

Let the students take turns reading the "letters" (NKJV):

Eph. 4:32 - And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Rom. 12:10 - Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

Gal. 6:9-10 - And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart...let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Ask / Discuss:

When I think of Kindness, I think mostly of treating others with compassion. What are some ways you can show kindness to others? *(Answers will vary)* And when I hear the word Goodness, I think of doing what's right, or pleasing to God. Is it always easy to do the right or good thing? *(No)* We need to be willing to put other's desires before our own.

FAITHFULNESS



Hold up picture:

The seventh Fruit of the Spirit is Faithfulness. How would you define faithfulness? *(Full of faith, trustworthiness)* Let's see what the Bible says about Faithfulness.

Let the students take turns reading the “letters” (NASB):

1 Thess. 5:24 - Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

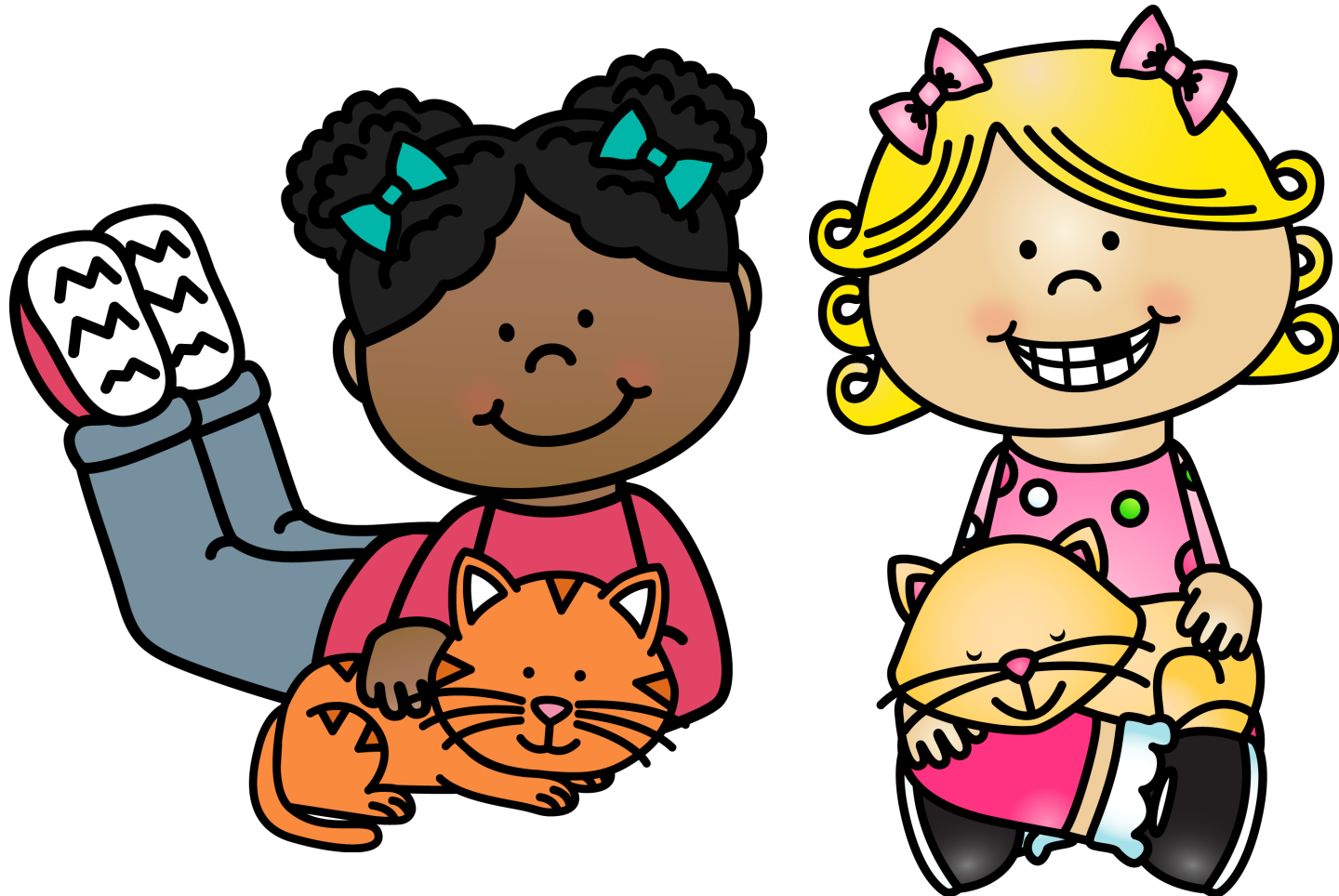
2 Thess. 3:3-4 - But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. We have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will continue to do what we command.

Heb. 10:23 - Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

Ask / Discuss:

Having faith in God is trusting that God will do what He said. We need to hold fast to our faith even when others make fun of us, or when the devil is attacking us. We also need to be trustworthy for others. If we make a promise, we need to keep that promise.

GENTLENESS



Hold up picture:

The eighth Fruit of the Spirit is Gentleness. How would you describe gentleness? (*Meekness, humility, submissiveness*) Let's see what the Bible says about Gentleness.

Proverbs 15:1 says, "A gentle answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger."

What does Proverbs say is the opposite of Gentleness? (*Harsh*) Sometimes, I feel like the hardest thing for me to do is to control my tongue. It's not always the words we speak, but the tone with which we speak.

Let the students take turns reading the "letters" (NASB):

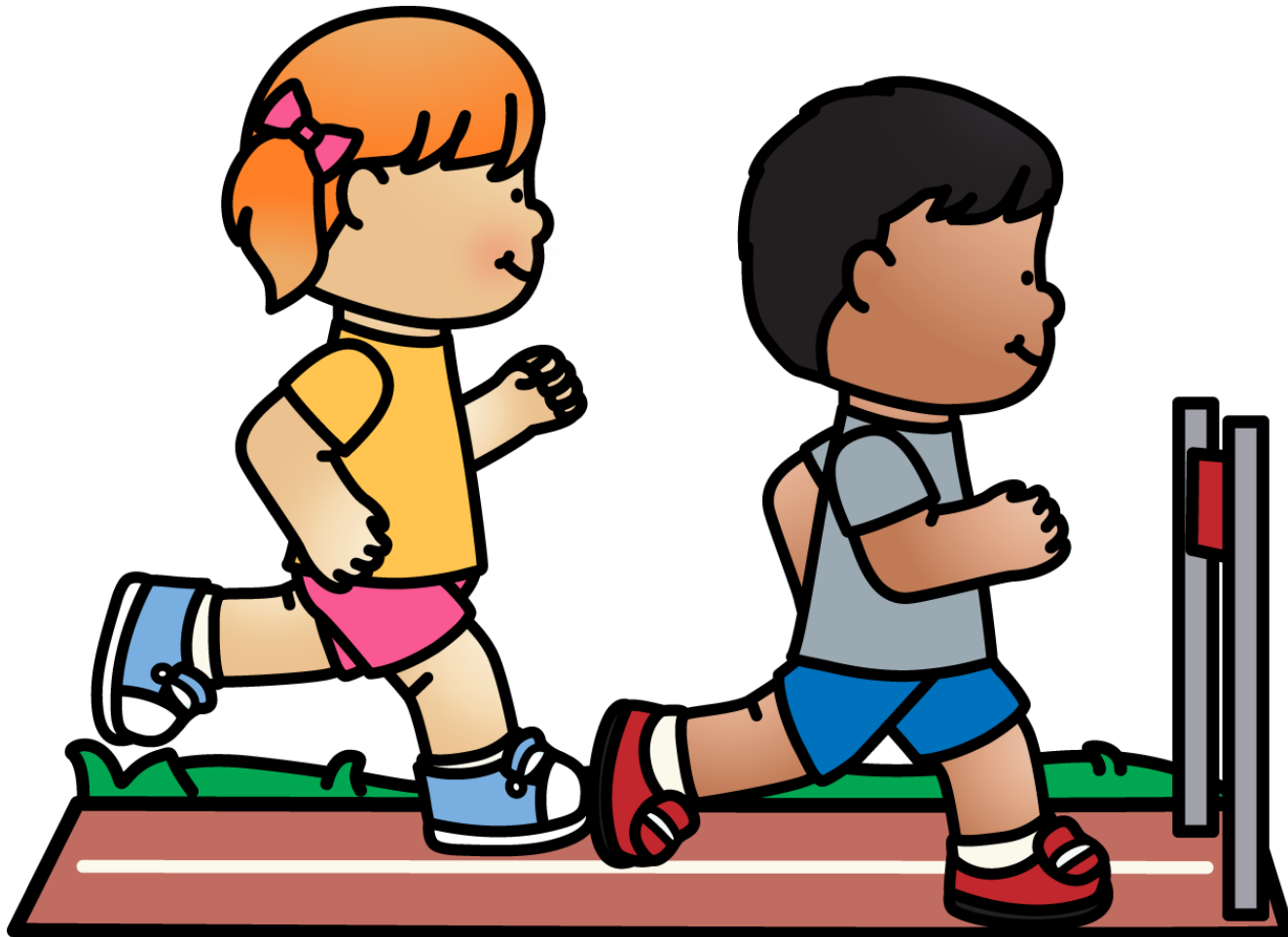
Gal. 6:1 - Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

Phil. 4:5 - Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near.

Ask / Discuss:

How are we to confront someone who is sinning? (*In a spirit of gentleness*) If I caught you in a lie, and started harshly criticizing you for lying, what do you think that would lead to? (*An argument, raised voices, criticizing each other*) More than likely, we will push a sinner away if we just start yelling at them.

SELF-CONTROL



Hold up picture:

The last Fruit of the Spirit is Self-Control. How would you define self-control? *(Controlling our desires, self discipline)*

Prov. 25:28 says, “Like a city that is broken into and without walls is a man who has no control over his spirit.” To what does Proverbs compare a man without self-control? *(A broken city without walls)*
Let’s see what the NT says about Self-Control.

Let the students take turns reading the “letters” (NASB):

1 Cor. 9:24-25 - Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

2 Cor. 5:14-15 - For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

Ask / Discuss:

Paul compares the Christian life to an athlete running a race. What do all athletes need to have when they are training? *(Self-control)* If I wanted to compete in a race, but I didn’t want to practice every day, or if I wanted to eat donuts for breakfast everyday, would I have a good chance of winning the prize? *(No)* Athletes compete for a perishable crown or medal, but Christians are competing for an imperishable crown in Heaven. Who/what can help us have self-control? *(The love of Christ)*
Remembering that Christ died for us can help us maintain self-control...we no longer live for ourselves, but for Christ.



Hold up picture:

Let's say the Fruits of the Spirit together: *(Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control)*

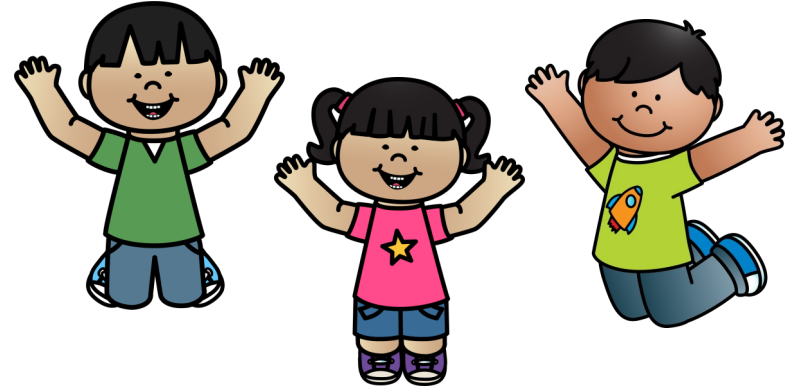
How can we gain all of these qualities? *(Studying the Bible, Praying to God)* The more time we spend reading God's Word and surrounding ourselves with godly examples, we can grow in righteousness and produce the good Fruits of the Spirit that Paul wrote about in Galatians.

(After the lesson, have the students put "The Epistles" in the correct mailboxes.)

LOVE



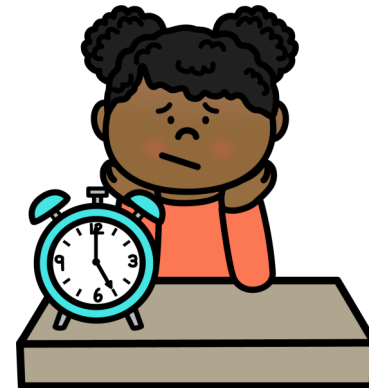
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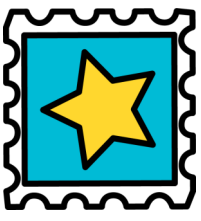
PEACE



PATIENCE



From: Paul



To: The Ephesians

From: Paul



To: The Romans

Eph. 4:32

Yr 3 / Qtr 4 / Less 5b / #1

And be _____ to one another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God
in Christ forgave you.

Rom. 12:10

Yr 3 / Qtr 4 / Less 5b / #2

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one another;

From: Paul



To: The Galatians

From: Paul



To: The Thessalonians

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1 Thess. 5:24

Yr 3 / Qtr 4 / Less 5b / #4

_____ is He who calls you, and He also
will bring it to pass.

From: Paul



To: The Thessalonians

From: ?



To: The Hebrews

2 Thess. 3:3-4

Yr 3 / Qtr 4 / Less 5b / #5

But the Lord is _____, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. We have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will continue to do what we command.

Heb. 10:23

Yr 3 / Qtr 4 / Less 5b / #6

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is _____;

From: Paul



To: The Galatians

From: Paul



To: The Philippians

Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass,
you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit
of _____; each one looking to yourself,
so that you too will not be tempted.

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From: Paul



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