



Home Church Adventures!

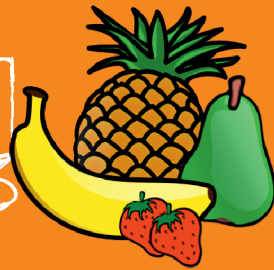
Today's Adventure is...

Bzzzzzz



BE

Fruitful!



Well hello to you!

Sundays stuck at home as a family don't have to mean no church! Jesus said "where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them." (Matthew 18:20) - and this means at home too! This resource has been created to encourage you and your children to worship and engage with God even when you can't make it to a service. After all, church is the PEOPLE not the PLACE! Gather the family together, maybe round the dining table or in your livingroom. Turn off all your electronic devices (tv, gaming, mobiles, - although you might want to use them for some of the video or music clips). Don't worry if you start the session and being prompted to change direction - go with it and enjoy where the Holy Spirit takes you together!

Have fun!

How to use Home Church Adventures...



Included are a range of different ideas - pick and choose what suits your family and the resources you have. Some involve watching something online, some using physical stuff you might have around the house, some might involve printing off the activity sheet (if you can). However, don't let it stop you from getting creative and coming up with your own ideas, games, ways of telling the story, ways of having fun together.



Always pray before you start and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and lead your conversations.



'Home Church' doesn't need to be long, and it doesn't need to be done all in one session (why not split it over a day into several parts?).

REMEMBER:

Each family is different! God made each of you in your family unique in their giftings from oldest to youngest.

Listen to each other, involve each other and build each other up.

And DON'T FORGET TO HAVE FUN!



BE fruitful!

In this session you might need:

- Plain paper
- Colouring pens, pencils or crayons
- Child-friendly Glue stick or PVA glue
- Device to play Youtube videos
- A computer printer (to print off the activity & colouring sheets)
- Fruit, fruit juice, bowl or blender
- Wool/ribbon/string, stapler/sticky tape/laundry pegs



PRAY: *(why not ask for a volunteer to pray! Asking God to bless and speak to you today)*

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you for today. Thank you that you love us and only have good things for us. Thank you that your Holy Spirit helps us to be who you want us to be. Would you please speak to us and help us to listen to what you say. Amen.



WORSHIP:

You could....

>**WRITE OR DRAW:** *On a piece of A4 paper write about or draw a place that makes you happy and you like going to visit. It could be anywhere - like a special holiday place, someone's house, a park or outside place. Take a moment to thank God (pray) for that special place and why it makes you happy.*

>**PLAY MUSIC:** *clips from Youtube of worship songs, or music from Spotify or a CD, and sing along. Ideas:*

*Fruit of the Spirit by Go fish
The fruit of the Spirits not a coconut*

>**HAVE A FAMILY JAMMING SESSION:** *play instruments you have, or make some from junk (like cardboard and elastic band guitar, or shaker from a jar with dried rice in it!). Have fun being silly - God loves a 'cheerful giver'!*

> **ENJOY A SNACK!:** *Have a snack of some fruit. Whilst you are eating (but not with food in your mouth or you might choke!) chat about what you like about that fruit. What kind of things does that fruit remind you about that you can say Thank you to God for?*



THE STORY:

>**READ** about the 'Fruit of the Spirit in the Bible. (we recommend NIV or International Children's Bible):
Galatians 5 v 22-23

>**or WATCH** a story cartoon on Youtube - search for 'The Fruit of the Spirit Bible story Life Kids'

Q: How many fruit of the Spirit can you name? (Clue: there are nine to remember! love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control,)

Q: Is there a fruit of the Spirit that you find tricky?

This passage from the Bible is written by Paul. He was trying to help the Church a long time ago, in a place called Galatia. He was teaching them to understand how God wanted them to live their lives. Paul explained that when we have the Holy Spirit in our lives we start to live differently and show good things as a result - just like delicious fruit growing on a tree or plant! He called the bad stuff our 'sinful nature' - when we choose NOT to live Gods way and NOT listen to the Holy Spirit.

Do you show any of the fruit of the Spirit ?



ACTIVITIES with stuff:

> **MAKE A FRUIT SALAD OR SMOOTHIE:** Cut up different fruit that you have and mix it in a bowl to make a yummy fruit salad. Alternatively, pop chopped up fruit and fruit juice in a blender and whizz up to make your own smoothie - why not give it a fancy name too?! You could even have a tropical fruit picnic party!

> **MAKE FRUIT BUNTING:** On a piece of A5 paper (half of A4), draw a picture of a fruit - make sure the picture fills the whole paper. Repeat this so you have nine pieces of paper, each with a different fruit on it. Now, write one of the fruits of the Spirit on each picture. Attach (with sticky tape, stapler or laundry pegs) each of your fruit onto a length of wool, string or ribbon. Hang up your fruity bunting to help you remember them all!

> **PLAY 'FRUIT SALAD':** (You will need at least 2 people for this!) One person is the caller, everyone else has to do the action called out. If they say:

Strawberry	curl up into a little ball	Kiwi	wave your arms in the air
Orange	run across the room	Fruit Salad	Do a crazy dance!
Banana	Lay down with arms by your side	...Add more of your own!	

..NB If you have different physical abilities of those joining in - just change actions to suit.



ACTIVITY with printout:

> **PRINT OFF** the colouring sheet, enjoy completing and display somewhere to encourage others!



PRAYER / RESPONSE:

> **EACH PERSON SHARE :**

...Think about another family member. Tell them what fruit of the Spirit that they show, and why.

...You could also share which of the fruits you find tricky!

Remember: Every answer is important to God, so listen to each other and always encourage each other.

...then why not take a moment to be quiet, talk to God and listen to what God might say.

If you haven't chosen to follow Jesus yet, now is a great time! When we choose to follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit helps us to then live how God wants us to! Talk to him, say sorry for when you get things wrong and have chosen not to act Gods way, tell him how much you love him, and that you now want to choose to live God's way. If you pray this prayer, its important to tell someone else that you chose to follow Jesus! Why not share the great news with another family member, your church leader or Sunday school leader!

You could also...

> **LEARN THE MEMORY VERSE:** See if you can memorise Galatians 5 v 22-23. Can you list all nine fruits of the Spirit?

> **'DO' THE FRUIT!:** Choose one of the fruit of the Spirit - what can you do today to show that? Maybe you could show kindness to a neighbour by helping them, or self-control when your brother or sister is annoying you and you just want to shout at them!



DON'T FORGET! You can share photos of your family doing the Home Church Adventures on our Facebook page - to bless and encourage others!

FB: [Adventuresincolouring](#)

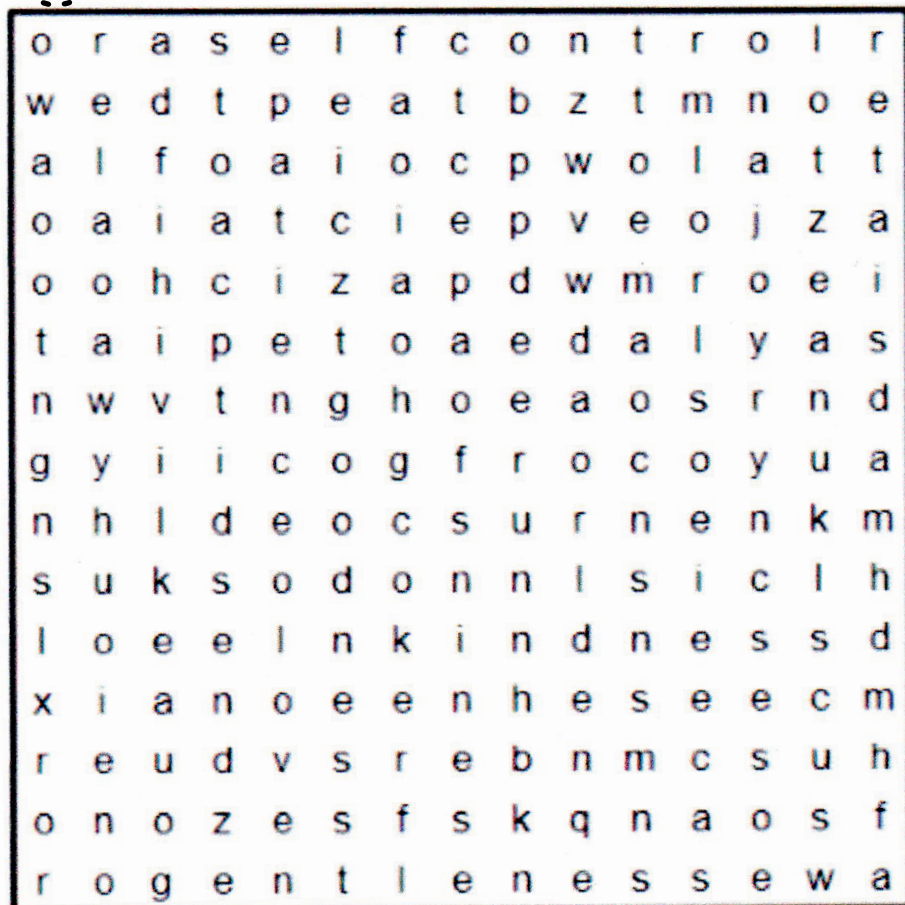


XTRA BE fruitful!

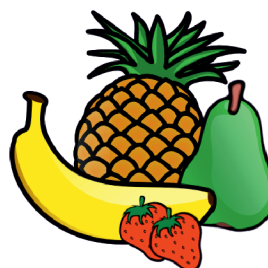


WORD SEARCH

Can you find all of the fruits of the Spirit in the wordsearch?

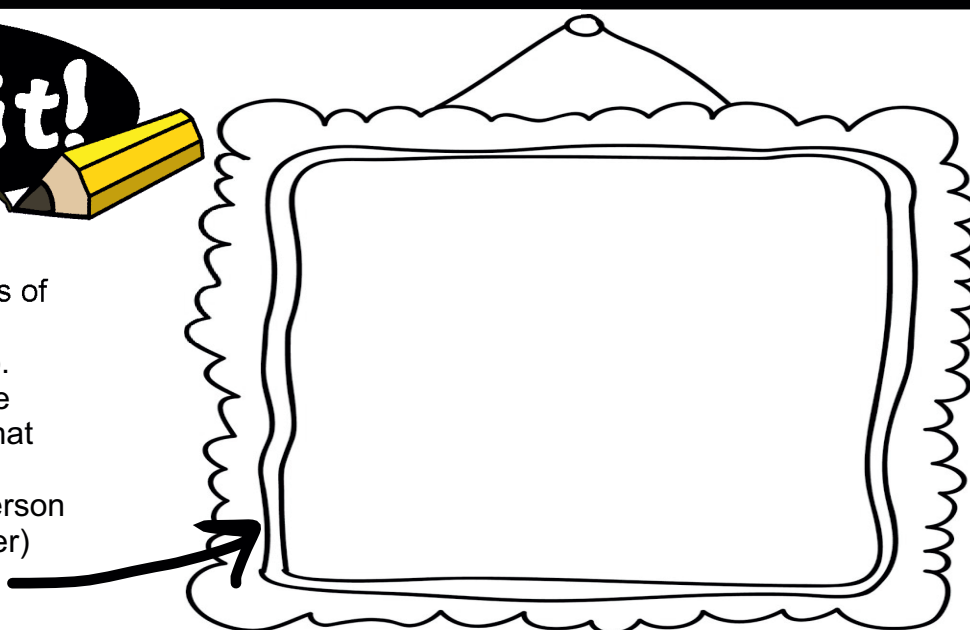


- love
- joy
- peace
- patience
- kindness
- goodness
- gentleness
- faithfulness
- selfcontrol



Draw it!

Choose one of the fruits of the Spirit (see the wordsearch list above!). Can you draw someone showing that fruit by what they do? (e.g. Kindness - one person giving flowers to another)





BE fruitful!



Galatians 5v
22-23