



1st – 5th Grade Small Group Lesson

Session Title: The Fruit of the Spirit

Bible Passage: Galatians 5:16-26

Main Point: The Holy Spirit changes the way we think and act to be more like Jesus.

Key Passage: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Big Picture Question: Who changes us? The Holy Spirit changes us to be like Jesus for God's glory.

Christ Connection: *When we trust in Jesus, the Holy Spirit begins to change us. Paul told the believers in the Galatian church how to recognize that God is working in someone's life. People who are saved by Jesus become more like Him, and the Holy Spirit gives them power to say no to sin and to live in a way that pleases God.*

God's Way Activity

Materials – "My Way/God's Way" paper, My Way/God's Way words (12), Cup

Put the My Way/God's Way piece of paper in the middle of the group.

Print and cut out the words below. Allow the group to take turns pulling a piece of paper from the cup. For each word drawn, the group should read the word, discuss what it means, give an example of someone showing that action, and then decide if the word describes *My Way* or *God's Way* and place the piece of paper in the corresponding column. Allow the group to assist one another in discussing each word. They may refer to Galatians 5:19-23 to check their work.

12 pieces of paper in the cup include:

(My Way: idolatry, hatred, jealousy, anger, selfishness, violence)

(God's Way: joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, self-control)

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MY WAY

GOD'S WAY

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Idolatry

Joy

Hatred

Peace

Jealousy

Patience

Anger

Kindness

Selfishness

Gentleness

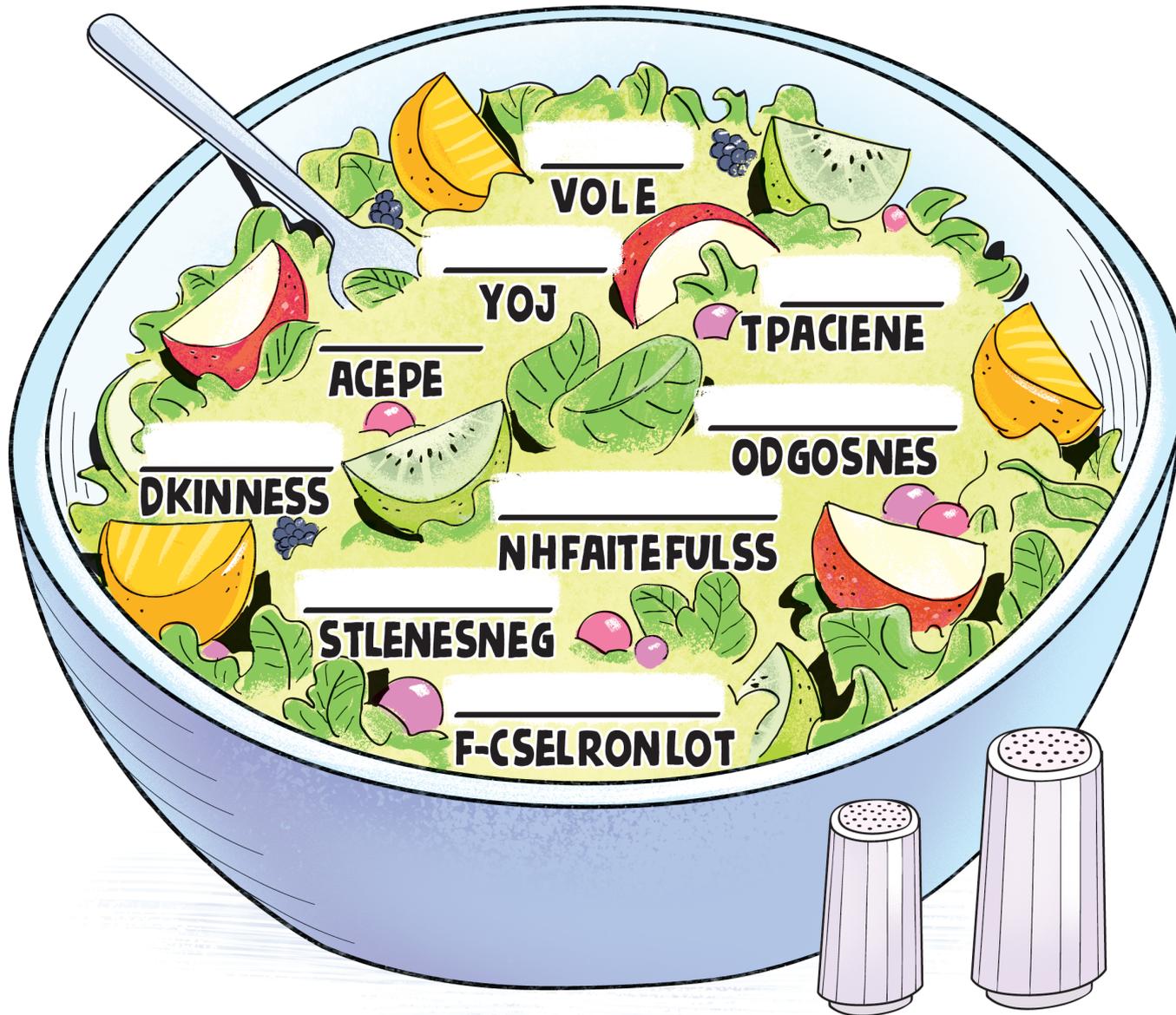
Violence

Self-Control

Fruit Salad

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INSTRUCTIONS: Unscramble each of the words below to learn what traits make up the fruit of the Spirit. Help kids look up Galatians 5:22 in their Bibles for hints as needed.



KEY PASSAGE:
2 Corinthians 5:17

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Who changes us? The Holy Spirit changes us to be like Jesus for God's glory.

BIBLE STORY:
THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

- Paul wrote a letter to believers living in Galatia.
- Paul wanted the Galatians to know the changes following Jesus would produce in their lives.
- The Holy Spirit changes the way we think and act to be more like Jesus.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What are some ways we need to be more like Jesus?
- Do you think the Holy Spirit produces all the fruit in everyone?
- Which attribute from the fruit of the Spirit is easiest for you? Which is hardest?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Research a kind of fruit that can grow where you live. Help your kids plant a seed and see if you can grow your own fruit.

Younger Kids Activity Pages
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