

Live by the Holy Spirit

Best Use

To teach your kids that the Holy Spirit is our helper, comforter, teacher and friend. Bottom Line: The Holy Spirit helps us with everything with which we might need help.

Value

This idea can trigger meaningful dialogue about the Holy Spirit.

Advance Preparation

Read John 15 5-8. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

- Ask what happens to a branch that is cut off from a vine or tree?" (Answer: it eventually will shrivel and die).
- Discuss how it is necessary to remain in God's Word to allow Him to dwell in you, in order for you to be able to do His work.
 Without Him – we can do nothing.

Fruit of the Spirit

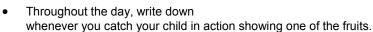
Read Galatians 5:22-23: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

Activity

Create a "FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT PRAISE JAR" in your kitchen for one month:.

Supplies Needed

- 1. A large jar to store your praises
- 2. Index cards or other note cards
- 3. A copy of the Fruits of the Spirit
 - Discuss the 9 fruits of the spirit along with age-appropriate examples of ways to exhibit these.



- As a family (perhaps at dinner), review the new cards added to your praise
 jar. This is also a time to create additional cards as you also share examples
 missed or seen outside the home. Finish by praying for specific examples of
 how you can better portray the fruits of the spirit in your own family.
- Set a goal and at the end of the month and go out for a special treat to celebrate.

For additional examples of Scripture regarding the Holy Spirit, read:

- Romans 12:1
- Hebrews 12:14;
- 1 Peter 1:15-16
- Galatians 5:14-26
- Ephesians 5:18-20
- John 15:1-17

For more great ideas on how to teach the value of multiplying your faith into others check out the resources available from Faith Path at the Faith@Home Center. Specifically check out the milestones entitled "Prayer" and "Worship."



