

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

GOD HAS MADE A GREAT MANY PROMISES. THEY ARE ALL "YES" BECAUSE OF WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE. SO THROUGH CHRIST WE SAY "AMEN." WE WANT GOD TO RECEIVE GLORY. – 2 CORINTHIANS 1:20

PROMISE OF PEACE

"I LEAVE YOU PEACE. MY PEACE I GIVE YOU. I DO NOT GIVE IT TO YOU AS THE WORLD DOES. SO DON'T LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED. DON'T BE AFRAID."

–JOHN 14:27

STORY: THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT – GALATIANS 5:22–23

DISCUSS:

READ GALATIANS 5:22–23 TOGETHER AS A FAMILY. HAVE YOUR KIDS RETELL THE STORY IN THEIR OWN WORDS & ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

Read Galatians 5:22–23 together as a family:

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.

1. What are some fruits of the Spirit listed in these verses?
2. What do you think "peace" means?
3. When is it hard for you to feel peaceful?
4. Galatians says the Holy Spirit produces or grows this kind of fruit in us. What does that tell us about where real peace comes from?
5. What is one way we can ask God's Spirit to help us show peace at home, at school, at church, or with our friends?

BIG IDEA: THE SPIRIT GROWS PEACE IN US!

DID YOU KNOW...?

When the Bible talks about "fruit," it is not talking about apples, oranges, or bananas. It is using a picture to help us understand what God grows in our lives. Just like fruit grows on a healthy tree, the fruit of the Spirit grows in people who belong to Jesus and stay close to Him. Fruit does not pop up all at once overnight. It grows slowly over time. The same is true for peace. God's Spirit keeps working in us, helping us become more like Jesus little by little. When we feel worried, upset, angry, or afraid, we can remember that God is still growing His peace in us.

SOMETHING TO NOTE!

Galatians 5 reminds us that the Christian life is not simply about trying harder to behave better. The fruit of the Spirit is exactly that: fruit of the Spirit. Peace is not manufactured by our own strength, perfect circumstances, or carefully controlled homes. Peace is formed in us by the presence and work of God's Spirit.

This is an important truth for our kids to understand. Biblical peace is more than quiet rooms, calm feelings, or the absence of conflict. It is the deep confidence that comes from belonging to God and trusting that He is near, good, and at work. As children learn to follow Jesus, the Spirit grows this peace in them over time.

This week, help your child see peace as something they can receive from God and practice with others. When conflict happens, when anxiety rises, or when emotions feel big, those moments can become opportunities to pause and pray: "Jesus, grow your peace in me."

PRAYER PROMPT:

As you pray together, talk with God about where your family needs His peace this week. Is there a worry, conflict, busy schedule, big decision, or hard feeling you can bring to Him? Ask the Lord to grow peace in your hearts and help your family share that peace with others.

PROMISES