

TEACHER PROMPTER & CHEAT SHEET

The Ultimate Fruit of the Spirit: The Vine & The Branches

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23 & John 15:5 • Target: Ages 4–11 • 60-Second Lesson Roadmap

SERMONS4CHILDREN MEDIA SUITE

- Fullscreen Classroom TV Mode
- Vector Cutout Craft & Puppet
- 8-Up Car Ride Pocket Slips

100% Free Ministry Resource

THE BIG IDEA: The Fruit of the Spirit isn't something we fake or force--it grows naturally in our hearts when we stay closely connected to Jesus, the True Vine!

MEMORY VERSE: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23)

THE 4 STORY BEATS (3-MINUTE VISUAL STORYTELLING)

- 1. The Vine & Branches:** An apple tree doesn't grunt and strain to grow apples; it just stays plugged into the roots!
- 2. The Nine Super Fruits:** Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control.
- 3. Fake vs. Real Fruit:** Plastic fruit looks shiny on a kitchen table, but real spiritual fruit feeds people and tastes sweet!
- 4. Staying Connected:** Through prayer, church, and God's Word, the Holy Spirit produces His sweet fruit in our everyday lives.

OBJECT LESSON HOOK: **Prop:** A plastic fruit vs. a real juicy apple or bunch of grapes.
What to Say: 'You can try to tape apples to a broomstick, but they won't grow! We must stay attached to Jesus!'

TACTILE / MOVEMENT: Count out all 9 fruits on 10 fingers (wiggling the last finger as a bonus praise!).

DISCOVERY QUESTION: **In Class:** Recite Galatians 5:22-23 together using hand motions for each fruit.
Sensory Hook: Smell the sweet natural fragrance of fresh citrus or strawberries.

CLASSROOM GAME: Fruit Basket Scramble: Leaders call out a fruit of the Spirit; kids run to the matching fruit corner!

CLOSING PRAYER: "Dear Jesus, we want to stay attached to You today. Fill our hearts with Your Holy Spirit so our words and actions produce sweet fruit that points everyone to You. Amen!"

CAR RIDE HOME: **Parent Connection Question:** "Which of the 9 fruits of the Spirit felt strongest in your heart today, and which one do you want God to grow more this week?" (See accompanying 8-Up Pocket Slips for printout)