



























Theme: Kindness Grapes Fruits of the Spirit



1 Snack idea	Biscuits, toast or Grapes for the children to eat.	
2 Craft or Game	Craft:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get the children to cut out several hand shapes and stick them onto a circle of paper to look like the petals of a flower, in the centre of the flower write kindness is
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> or Finger painting bunches of grapes.
3 Lighting the candle	Use the same words as the local school when lighting the candle.	 
4 Welcome	Song: Prayer:	<p>You could use 'welcome everybody' by Fischy music</p> <p>You could use this gathering prayer by Sam Hargreaves</p>  
5 Collect	Say: A collect is a gathering prayer	<p>The collect for the day can be found here: Join us in a service of Daily Prayer The Church of England, then select Morning Prayer and scroll to the end to find the collect.</p>   
6 Bible passage	Say: We are reading a story (that has been adapted) from the Bible today so that we can hear God's word and learn about Him.	<p>Galatians 5:22-23 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.</p> <p>+</p> <p>Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.</p> <p>You could explore this by:</p> <p>YouTube video - David and Mephibosheth Old Testament Animated Bible Story For Children - (from 0.52 seconds)</p> <p>PowerPoint - FreeBibleimages: David shows kindness to Mephibosheth: David helps disabled Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan (2 Samuel 9:1-13)</p> <p>You could re-tell this story using LEGO.</p>    
7 Biblical link	Why it matters	<p>The fruit of the Spirit we are learning about today is Kindness. I wonder why you think kindness is important.</p> <p>A story in the Bible 2 Samuel 9:1-13. David and Jonathan were great friends, but Jonathan's Dad who was King Saul did not like David and many times tried to hurt him. David had to run away and hide. David and Jonathan remained friends and asked David to take care of his family. Many years later David became the King and remembered his promise to Jonathan and asked in the palace if anyone knew if there were any members of Saul or Jonathan's family left – so that he could show God's kindness to them. There was a son of Jonathan's, a man called Mephiboseth, who was poorly and could not walk. David invited Mephiboseth to live in the palace with him. He gave him and his family land to farm and he was always asked to eat at the king's table, just like David's own sons.</p>  

<p>8 Take away response</p>	<p>Say: How will you respond to the message we have heard from God today?</p>	<p>The fruits of the Spirit don't really have anything to do with a bowl of fruit. As a tree bears fruit when it is growing well, Christians bear fruit when we are growing well as Christians - they are things that, others will see in or about us, as we get better at living how God wants us to.</p> <p>God wants us to show kindness to others. We probably can't all have people come and live with us and eat tea with us each day, as David did, however, we can show kindness in other ways. Can you think of some ideas? If you made the hand flower, write your ideas on the hands of the flower.</p> <p>Think of someone that might need kindness shown to them. How can you do this? Now go and do it.</p>	  
<p>9 Prayer</p>	<p>Say: We say prayers to talk to God ...</p>	<p>The fruits of the Spirit – like kindness are within us when we try to live as Jesus would want us to. I wonder if the world would be a nicer place to be if people showed a little more kindness to others. Maybe we could make a start right now. If you would like to show kindness more often come and collect a cup of grape juice and we will ask God to help us to do this.</p> <p>Father God, we know we aren't always kind, and sometimes we are even unkind, for which we are sorry. Help us to be kinder and help us to see opportunities where we can show kindness. Amen.</p>	  
<p>10 Song</p>	<p>Say: We sing songs to praise God and thank God</p>	<p>Fruit of the Spirit song by Bob Baxter - You Tube Our God is a great Big God My Lighthouse - Rend Collective The Kindness song - Cheeky Pandas - You Tube</p>	 
<p>11 The Lord's Prayer</p>	<p>Use the same version as the school.</p>	<p>Or ask people to pray using whichever version they know.</p>	  
<p>12 Blessing</p>	<p>Say: We are now to go out, empowered by Jesus' special presence with us, in communion with one another to share the Gospel with others.</p>	<p>May the Lord bless us and keep us. May the Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us. May the Lord give us the Spirit of kindness and peace. Amen.</p>	 

Symbols for Spiritual Styles



Word
the path of the intellect



Symbol
the journey of mystery



Emotions
the way of the emotions



Action
The road to justice

Symbols for Learning Styles



Visual



Kinaesthetic



Auditory



Read/Write

You can read more about Spiritual Styles at rootsontheweb.com or [Going 4 Growth](http://Going4Growth.com) (www.going4growth.com/growth_in_faith_and_worship/spirituality/spiritual-styles)

You can unsubscribe from these emails at any time, please reply Unsubscribe.



www.cofe-worcester.org.uk



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
DIOCESE OF WORCESTER