

# Gretna Glen Camp & Retreat Center

## 2018 Children's Sermon or Sunday School Lesson

***At camp we love the Fruits of the Spirit! Do you know what they are? They are so important to not only learn, but to DO. At camp, we work on learning and putting them into action.***

**Be the FRUIT!**

**Materials Needed:** (Optional) Paper cut outs of different fruits. If you're really feeling creative, write the different Fruits of the Spirit on them to help the children remember them.

**Scripture:** Galatians 5:22-23 & 25-26

**Lesson:** Who here likes fruit? What are some of your favorite fruits? [*Let children give some of their favorites.*] Why are these fruits your favorite? [*Let the children explain why they like these fruits. Some responses will probably be: "Because they are sweet." "Because they look cool." "I like the color." "It tastes good."*] Would you ever want to eat rotten fruit? Why not? [*"Because they're gross!"*] Did you know that God likes fruit too? In fact, God is very particular about only liking good fruit. God's word says that following Jesus is like growing good fruit in our lives. This is because if we follow Jesus, other people will "taste and see that the Lord is good" by the way we live our lives. In Galatians 5:22-23 & 25-26, the Bible says, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit. Let's not become arrogant, make others angry, or be jealous of each other." This is telling us that God wants us to love others, be happy, not worry, and be patient, kind, and gentle. By using all of these fruits, we will be able to show others that we are a follower of Jesus. What are some examples of how we can use the Fruits of the Spirit in our own lives? It's very important that we produce all of these good fruits so that we can be pleasing to God. Just like you have all of those yummy favorite fruits, God too has fruits that he loves and wants to see us all produce. Does that sound like something we can all try and do together? Instead of having rotten fruits, let's live by the Fruits of the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is all throughout the Bible and this is just a small example of some of the lessons that we will get to do at camp this summer. Just add that to all of the other cool things that there is to do. Like swimming, games, singing, and making new friends, and... (*add anything here that speaks personally to your church family*) There are camp programs for all ages and all are great fun in beautiful places with wonderful people! It's time to sign up now. Speak to (*your church contact*) to get all the information. Let's go to camp!

**Let's pray:** Dear God. Thank you giving us such delicious fruits for us to eat. Also, thank you for giving us the Fruits of the Spirit as ways that we can live our lives so that we can be a follower of Jesus. Amen.