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## Forward

This book contains lessons about the Fruit of the Spirit as listed in Galatians 5:22-23. Your students will learn that the fruit of the Spirit is a gift God gives Christians to help them live lives that please Him and show His love to those who don't know God. When we accept Jesus to become Lord of our lives, God plants seeds in our hearts that begin to grow—seeds of love, joy, peace, and so forth. These attributes of a true believer are not just feelings that come and go. They are permanent characteristics deep in our heart that come from having a relationship with the living God.

I have designed these lessons to enable you to teach the Bible expositively. The idea is to have the kids read the passages in their own Bibles and the teacher explain the scriptures and give good practical applications that are age-appropriate. My goal is to ensure that children learn that God's Word is exciting and meaningful and that teachers teach sound doctrine!

Even though I've scripted the lessons, I don't expect teachers to read my lesson materials verbatim to the children as they teach. My lessons are meant to provide the details you need to get background information and some suggestions for child-oriented personal application. Once you know and understand the Bible lessons for yourself, you'll be ready to teach your class.

The two-column layout of this book is designed so that you can copy and cut the pages in half to fit into your Bible. When the children observe that you are teaching right out of the Bible, rather than from a curriculum book, it validates God's Word and gives your teaching more authority.

You will discover that there is not always a Craft or Game idea suggested in each lesson. When I've had a good idea that really seems to support the lesson objectives, I've included it. But I have another handbook called *Tips and Tricks — Making Children's Bible Lessons Come to Life* that gives lots of suggestions for activities that

will help reinforce your lesson and teach the memory verse. (This is available from my website:

<https://www.freechildrensministrylessons.com/>)

Use the Teaching Schedule to help you organize your teaching rotation.

I pray that you will use these lessons for God's glory by teaching the Bible as an entire plan by a systematic and connected study of the Word.

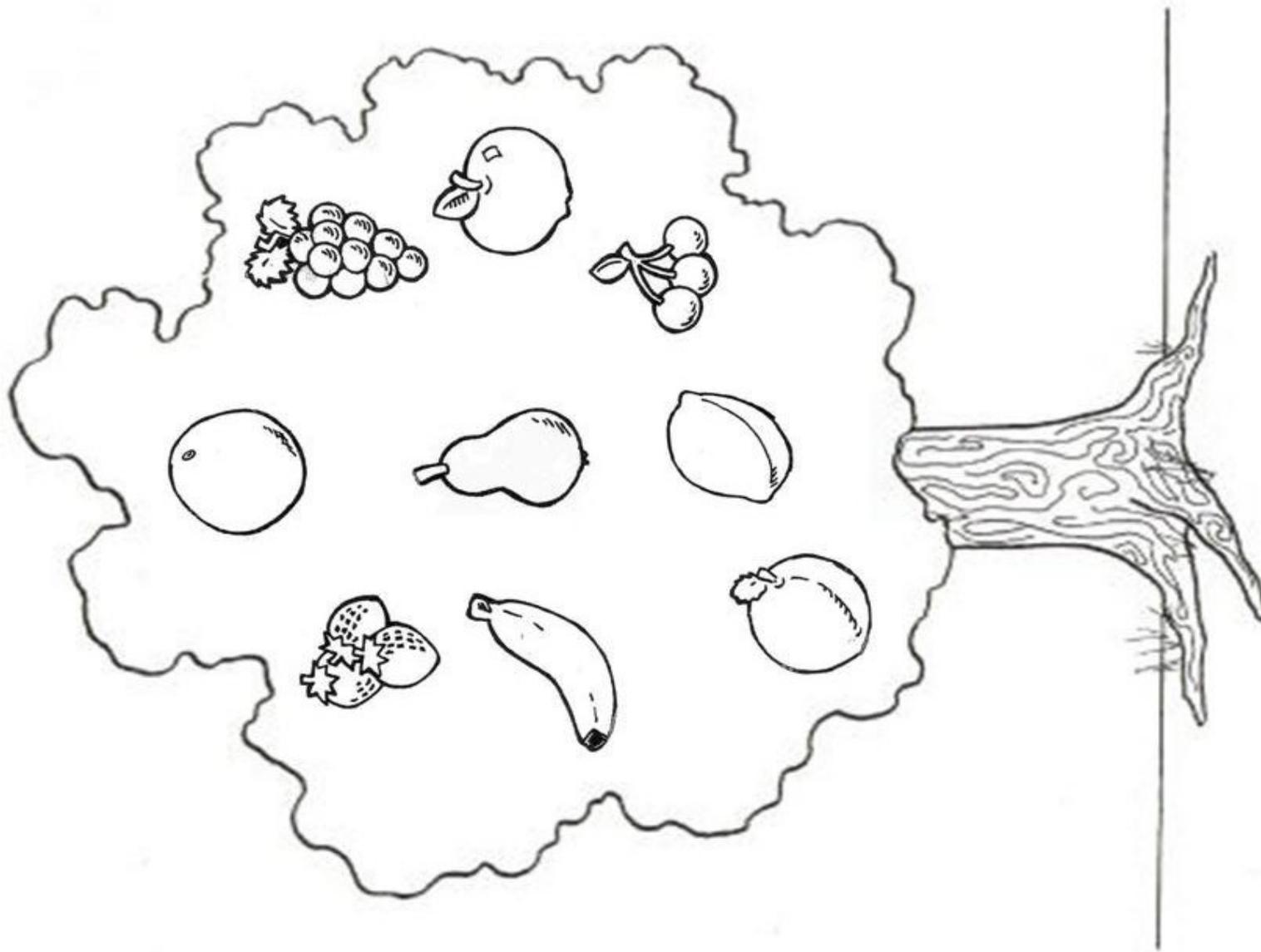
*Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. (Mark 10:14)*

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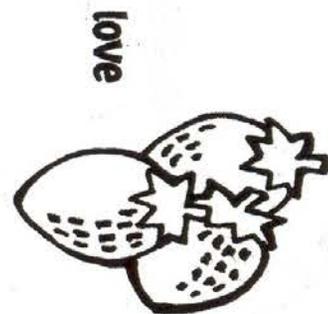
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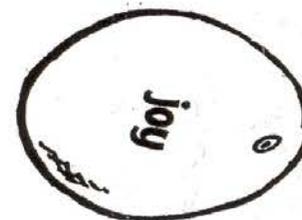
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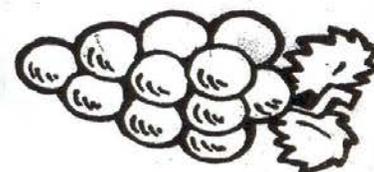
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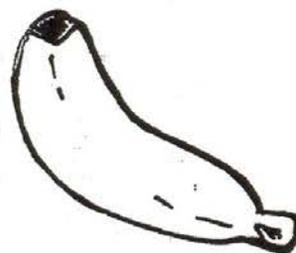
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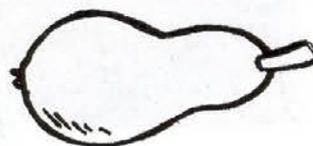
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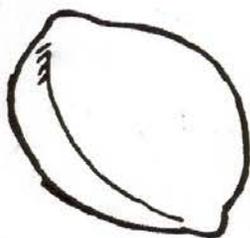
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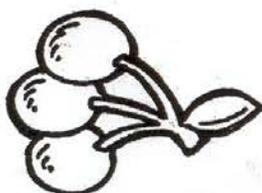
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