

Primary Curriculum

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Materials: Bible, Tree, river (or some type of water to represent living water), Galation 5:22-23 verses, John 15:11 verses, certificate of memory verse, snack, prize.

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1. Say opening prayer together; make sure to have them thank God for all their blessings and pray for others.
2. Ask if anyone has a testimony to share; they will stand up and give a testimony.
3. Inform students that we are going to learn more about the Fruit of the Spirits.
4. Have a tree growing from water on the wall (represents God's Spirit-Living water).
5. Review Galatians 5:22-23 memory verse and have students who still need to say memory verses of Galatians 5: 22-23 try again. Have them get their prize.

6. Review Love and how we are commanded to love each other and to love our enemies. Inform students that we are going to talk about Joy and peace today.
7. Joy: A feeling of great pleasure and happiness. Ask students if they can remember a time when they felt great happiness. Give time for all students to give examples and to talk about them and relate them to the joy of God.
8. Read Nehemiah 8: 10for the joy of the LORD is my strength. Do we have strength when we joy in the LORD? One meaning is that the Holy Spirit causes us to see the beauty of Christ in the word (Bible and Book of Mormon) and in the World. Do we have joy when we go to the lake or the ocean? Who gave us the lakes and the oceans? Right; so, we have joy in the Lord, thanking him for all he made for us. It is a good feeling in our soul. What is the opposite of joy (sadness)? Talk about how different sadness and joy are from each other and how much better joy feels.
9. Now let's turn to Psalm 119:111. Would someone like to read this verse for us? "Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart." Inform students that David, the one who killed Goliath wrote the book of Psalms and he is called the psalmist (he

played the harp for King Saul. The psalmist is talking about God's Word. He is saying that God's Word is his forever, and it is joy of his heart. Why do you think God's Word is the joy of his heart? (Discuss.) As we read God's Word, we discover more and more of who He is. We learn about His promises to us and all that He has done. We can experience joy when we read and know God's Word, just like the writer of this psalm!

- 10.** We have look forward to the joy of living in Heaven.
- 11.** Have Noah put the fruit of joy on the tree. Read James 1:2: My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations. State: We know that we can have joy through the Holy Spirit producing His fruit within us. We also know that God is our joy and that we experience joy through His Word. James tells believers to consider it joy when they go through difficult times in their lives. How is it possible to have joy, to praise God, in difficult times? (Allow them time to think and offer explanations.) Joy is very different from happiness. Happiness cannot be present when someone is sad. But joy can always be present, even at the same time as sadness. We are sad when someone we know dies; but we have joy in knowing that they are with Jesus.

12. Now we are going to talk about peace. Have Eli put the fruit of Peace on the tree. Peace is the freedom of any problems. Tranquility, calm, calmness, quiet, silence, stillness. Think about a hug from your mom or grandma or laying in their arms when you are so tired. That is what peace is like. Jesus is the Prince of Peace: the Holy Spirit fills us with peace and He comforts us when we are feeling sad.

13. Give each student a copy of the new memory verse: John 15:11. "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full."

14. When they have the verses memorized, they will get a certificate and a prize. Show them what the certificate and prizes look like and then read over the verses again. Give time for students to try to memorize and say the verses. Let them know that they can memorize the verses during the week and next week they can say the verses for the certificate and prize.

15. Students will have a snack, put money in collection, and say closing prayer.