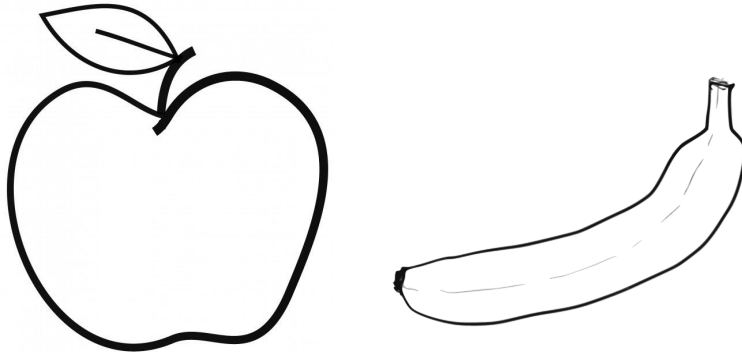


Bearing Good Fruit for God  
March 23, 2020  
Children's Lesson  
Greenfield Church of Christ

Which would you rather have, a rotten apple or a fresh, ripe apple? Which do you think tastes better, a rotten banana or a fresh banana?



The Bible states, **"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit... The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart."** Luke 6:43-45 NIV

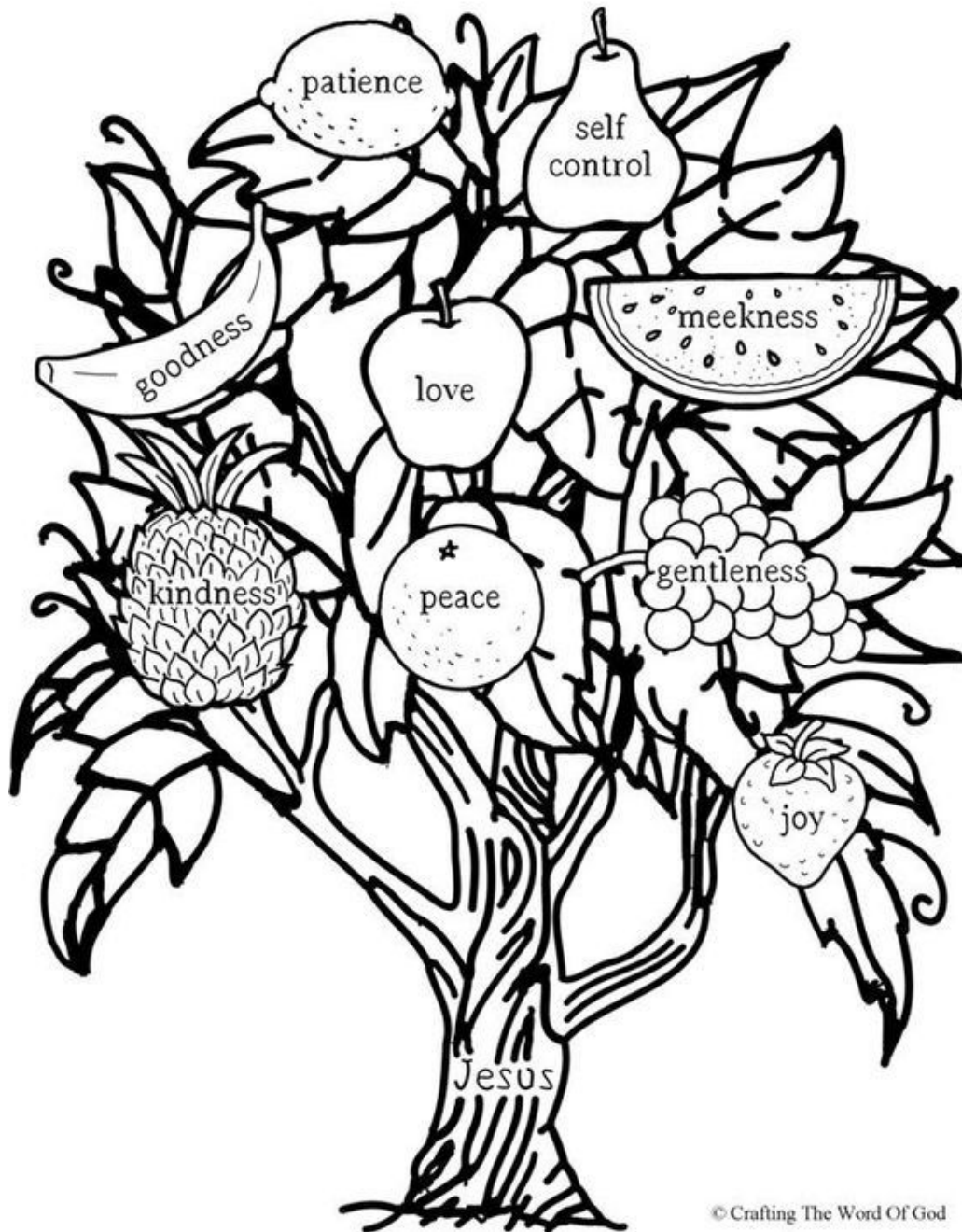
This scripture makes us think about what is stored in our hearts. The Bible tells us "Each tree is recognized by its own fruit." We are known by what is in our hearts and what comes out of our mouths. We can tell which piece of fruit is bad by looking at the outside, and if we cut a rotten piece of fruit in half, we will see that it is also rotten on the inside.

If we use mean words when we speak to others, they will think we are mean and ungodly. Those mean words are not just words; they come from what is inside us, which is full of mean things. When we use kind words, people will see us as kind and godly. Those kind words come from our hearts, which are full of kindness. We want to fill our minds with the Fruit of the Spirit, because when we have love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, goodness, and self-control in our hearts, the words on the outside will be good words. **When the inside is good, the outside will look good as well. God wants us to bear good fruits!**

This week, I want you to think about what is coming from your mouth because that will tell you what is in your heart.

\*If you were a tree, would you want to bear good fruit or bad fruit? Why?  
\*Do you want to be known as having good fruit or bad fruit? Which is more important? Which would Jesus want you to be?

You are loved,  
Ms. Shantelle



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Grab a paper plate, and have a parent help you cut it in half. Color it brown. Use the fruit below to color and place in your brown paper plate basket to remind you of always bearing good fruit!

