

Fruit of the Spirit (Part-02) - Joy

(Galatians 5:22-23)

I. Fruit of the Spirit - Joy

- (a). Teacher illustratively *explains about the fruit of the Spirit to the children in interesting and attractive ways*
- (b). Ask the children to mention the "nine types" of the fruit of the Spirit.
- (c). The second type of the fruit of the Spirit is JOY. What does the Lord want us to be according to Psalm 68:3
- (d). Our Lord does not want us losing His heavenly joy in life.
- (e). Teacher tells a story about Cain when he lost his joy and what was the impact of losing his joy? Gen. 4:6-8
~ *Why did Cain lose his joy? Gen. 4:3-6*
~ *Why did the Lord dislike looking at Cain's offering?*
~ *What did Cain do to his brother when lost his joy?*
~ *Ask the children: When you lost your joy, what would you do?*



Teacher shares their testimony on how they maintain their joy in the Lord.
What are the results of such practice?

- (f). Lesson from the story of Cain & Abel: we will lose the joy of heaven, when:
- (i). We hate others (Ask the children whether they still hate someone in their heart?)
 - (ii). We are jealous of others' belonging/achievements?
 - (iii). We stand away from God
 - (iv). We do not observe/keep His Word
- (g). Read memory verse (for older children: Ask them to write it on a piece of paper): Psalm 19:8a
"The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. "

II. The Power of Joy

- (1). **The joy of the Lord is our strength Neh. 8:10**



Teacher shares their testimony on experiencing the joy of the Lord to be their strength

- * Teacher encourages the children to be always joyful in all circumstances by observing the following :
- (i). Forgiving those who have offended and hurt their heart
 - (ii). Trusting that the Lord always works for the good of those who love Him
 - (iii). Believing the fact that joy is far more powerful than just throwing tantrum (temper) and anger

- (2). **If you are joyful, the Lord will give you the desire of your heart**

- * Teacher reads Psalm 37:4 to the children
- * Teacher ask the children what is the desire of their heart?
- * Teacher encourages the children to practice joyous living in the Lord



Teacher shares their testimony on experiencing God's promise in Psalm 37:4

III. Class Creativity