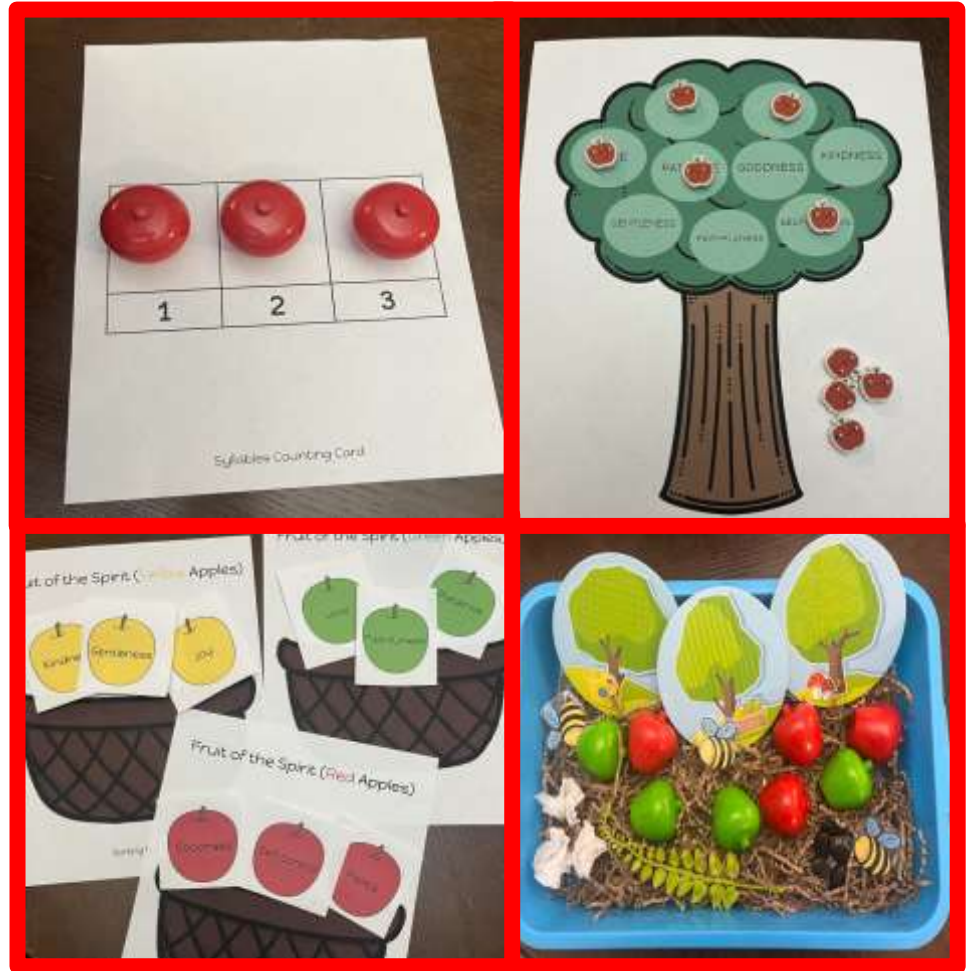
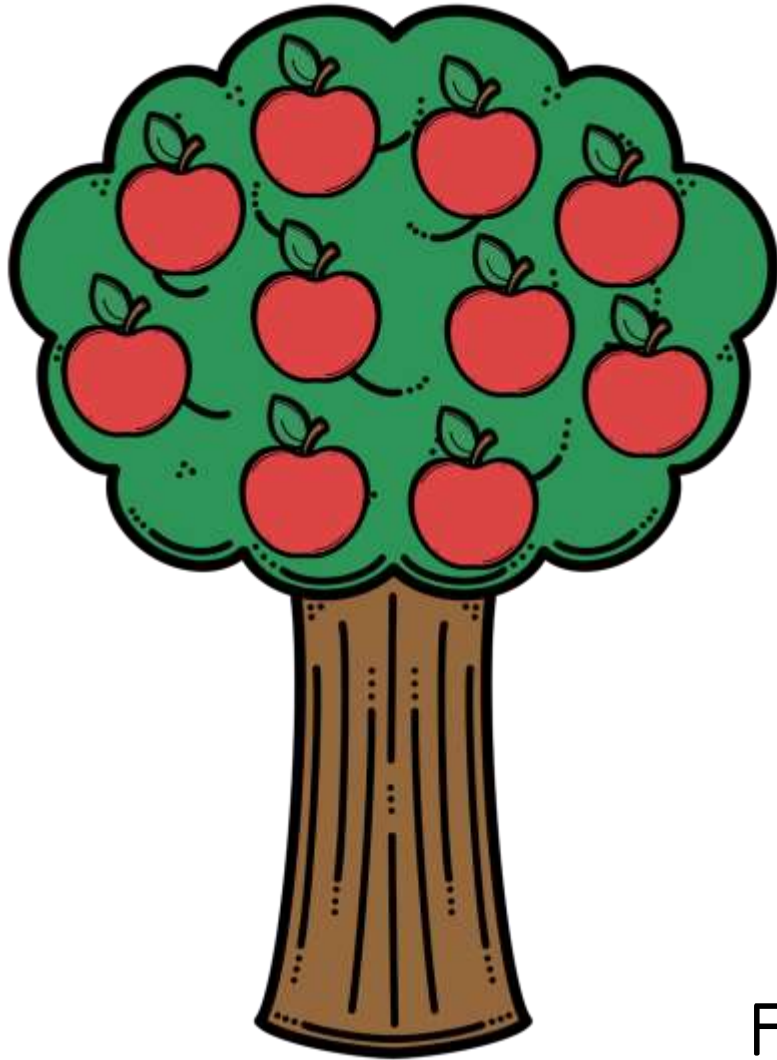


# FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



Faith-based Learning Games  
for Little Learners

# Fruit of the Spirit Counting Syllables

## Bible Connection:

- Read: **Galatians 5:22-23** “But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!”
- The Fruit of the Spirit tells us what God is like and when we spend time with God, that’s what we become like too.

## Phonemic Awareness Activity:

- Materials: Syllable Counting Card (included), Objects to represent apples or fruit (toy apples, red pom poms, fruit erasers, etc.)
- Say: We will say the Fruit of the Spirit. We will also count the syllables in each word.
- Say a Fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, self-control). Have students put their hand under their chin as they repeat the word. Say: Every time your chin/hand moves down, that’s one syllable.
- Instruct students to place an apple (or other object) in a box for each syllable in the given word.
- Discuss how many syllables are in each word.

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Syllables Counting Card

# Fruit of the Spirit Find the Letter

## Phonics Activity:

### Materials

- Fruit of the Spirit Tree (Included)
- Objects to represent apples (erasers, pom poms, stickers, etc.)

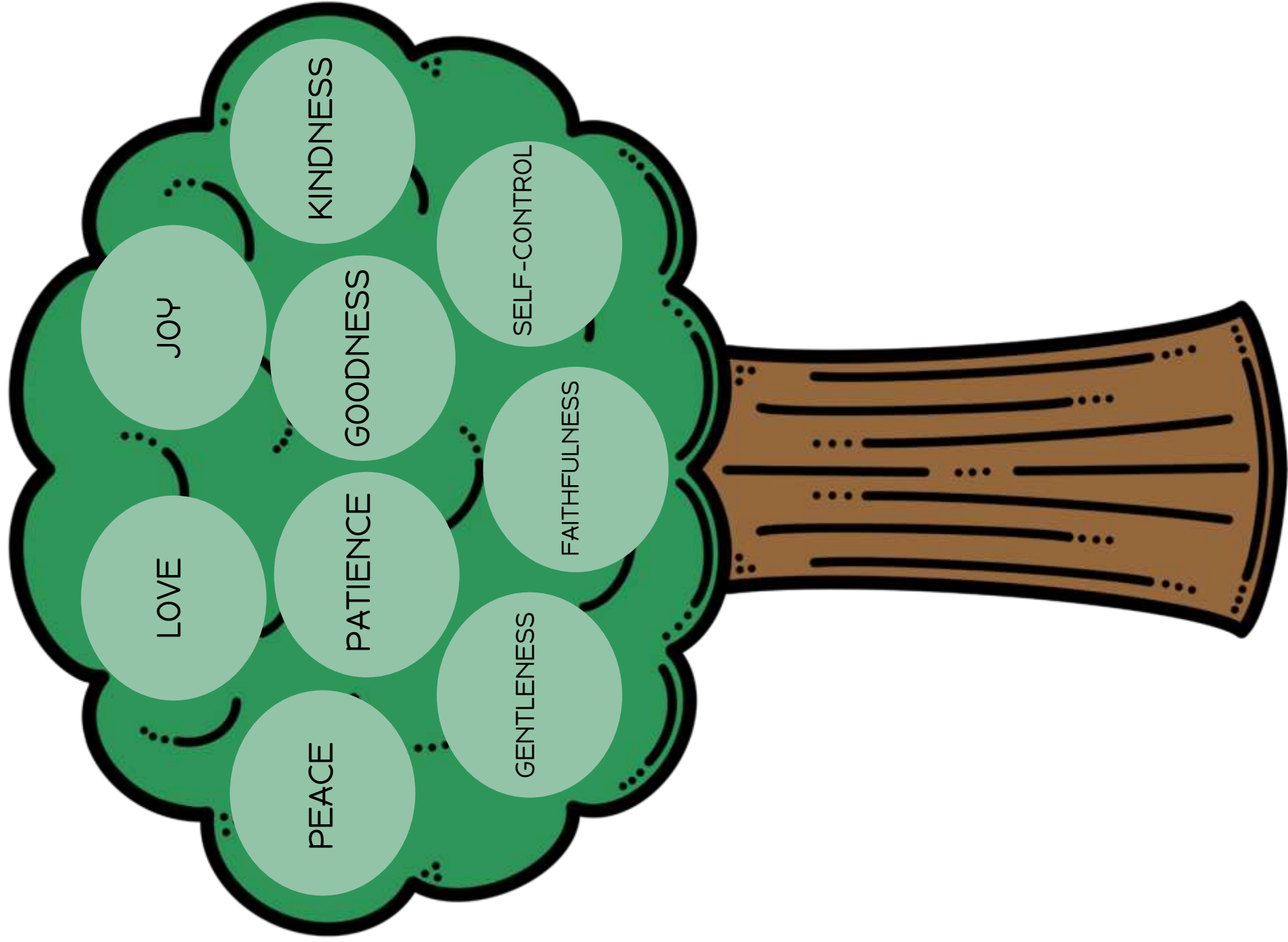
### Instructions:

- The objective of the activity is for students to find and cover the Fruit of the Spirit that begins with a given letter.
- Name a letter and tell the student to cover the word (Fruit of the Spirit) that begins with that letter. (Example: Teacher: Say: "Find a Fruit of the Spirit that begins with K.")
- Students will find and cover the word using an apple eraser (or other small objects). (Example: Student covers the word Kindness.)
- Variations: The teacher gives the first **sound** of each Fruit of the Spirit and the student covers the word.

## Bible Connection:

After each word, share a simple truth about God:

- **Love** - God is love! He showed His love by sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. When we know His love, He helps us love others. (Romans 5:8)
- **Joy** - God is full of joy! He rejoices when we want to be with Him. Being with God gives us joy too. (Luke 15:7;10)
- **Peace** - God is our peace! He sent Jesus to bring peace to the world. When we trust Him, He gives us peace inside. (John 14:27)
- **Patience** - God is patient with us! He waits because He wants everyone to know Him. He teaches us to be patient and to trust His timing. (2 Peter 3:9)
- **Kindness** - God is kind! The cross shows us the greatest kindness. He helps us share His kindness with others. (Ephesians 2:7)
- **Goodness** - God is good! His goodness never ends. When we spend time with Him, He makes us good like Him. (Psalm 100:5)
- **Faithfulness** - God is faithful! He always keeps His promises. His greatest promise is Jesus and He promises heaven to all who trust in Him. (Deuteronomy 7:9)
- **Gentleness** - God is gentle! He cares for us tenderly and calmly. He helps us treat others with gentleness too. (Isaiah 40:11)
- **Self-control** - God is in control! He knows what's best for us, and He helps us learn to have self-control. (Titus 2:11-12)



LOVE

JOY

PEACE

PATIENCE

GOODNESS

GENTLENESS

FAITHFULNESS

SELF-CONTROL

KINDNESS

# Fruit of the Spirit Sorting by Attributes

## Bible Connection:

Let's talk about two kinds of fruit the Bible describes:

- **Good Fruit (Fruit of the Spirit)** - These show what God is like. When we spend time with Him, He helps us grow to be more like Him.
- **Rotten Fruit (sins of the flesh)** - These show what happens when we go our own way and don't follow God. Rotten fruit comes from us apart from God, but good fruit comes from God living in us.

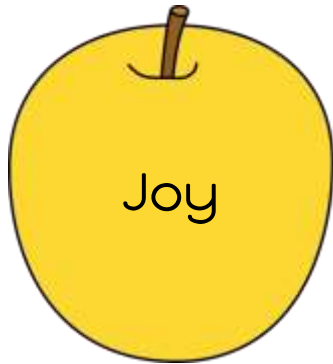
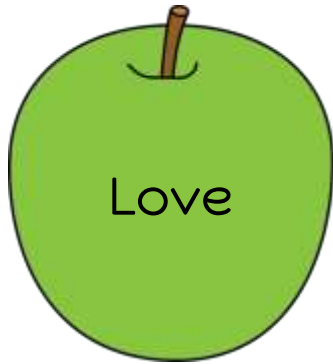
## Math Activity:

Materials: Fruit of the Spirit Apples (Included), Rotten Apples (Included), 6 Sorting Baskets (Included)

Instructions: Give students the different Apple Cards. Each card shows both a type of fruit and one of three colors.

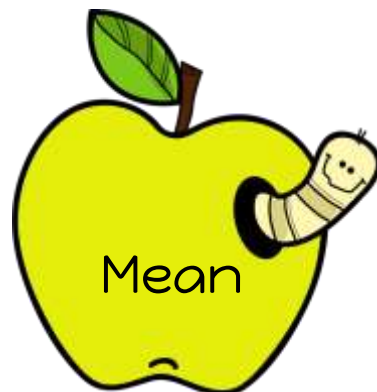
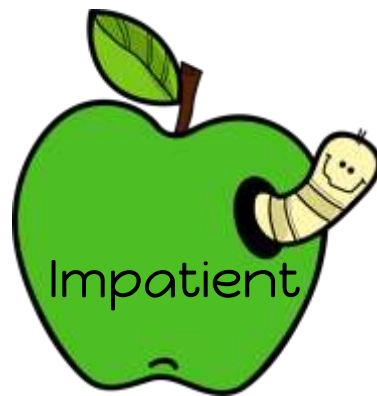
Students will sort the cards into baskets in **two different ways**:

1. By **type** (Fruit of the Spirit or Rotten Fruit).
2. By **color** (red, yellow, green).



Fruit of the Spirit Apples

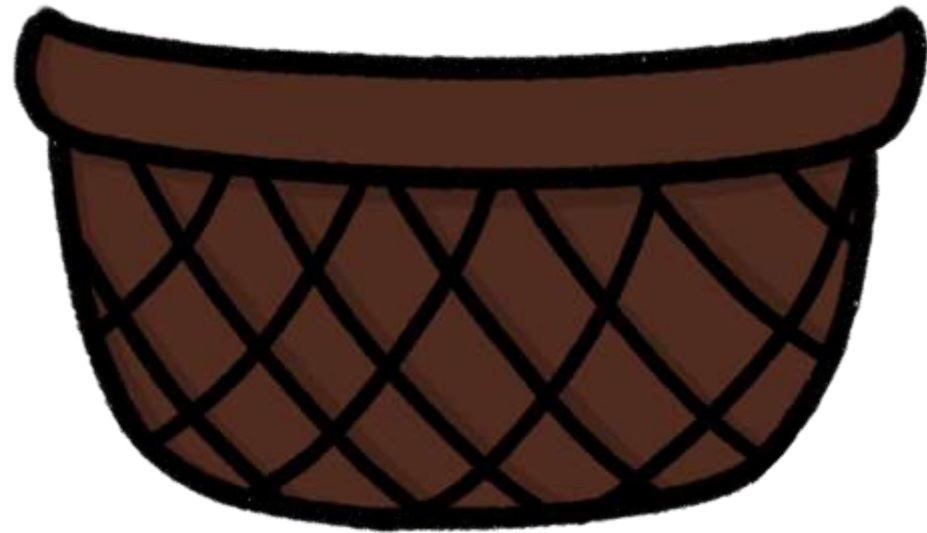
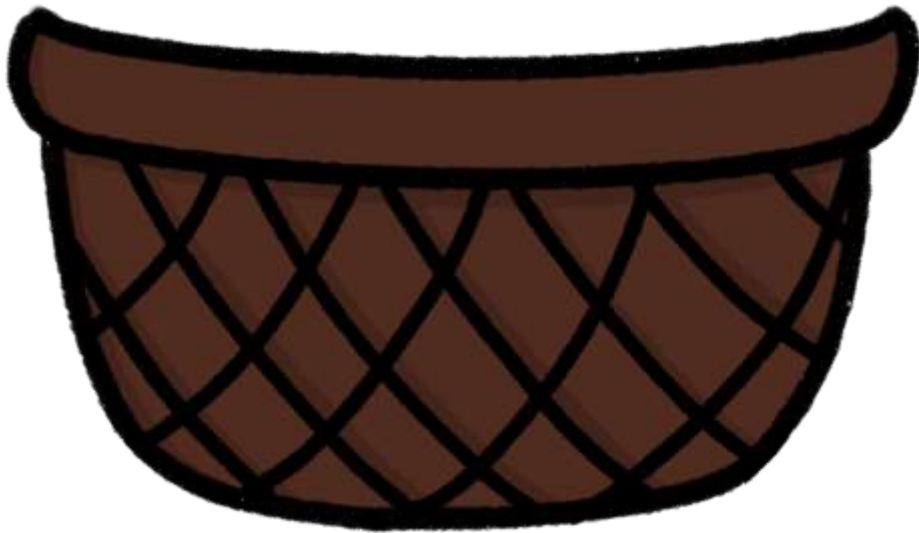




Rotten Apples

Fruit of the Spirit  
(Red Apples)

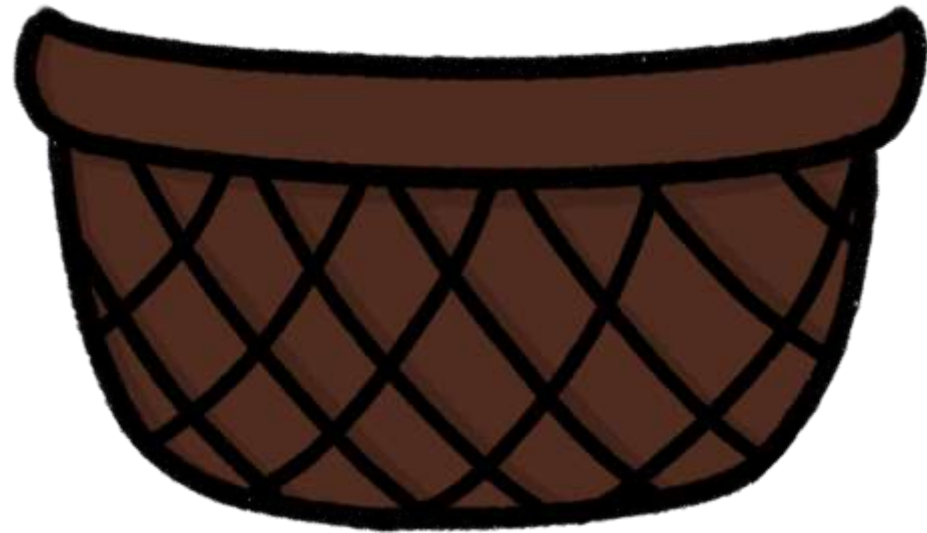
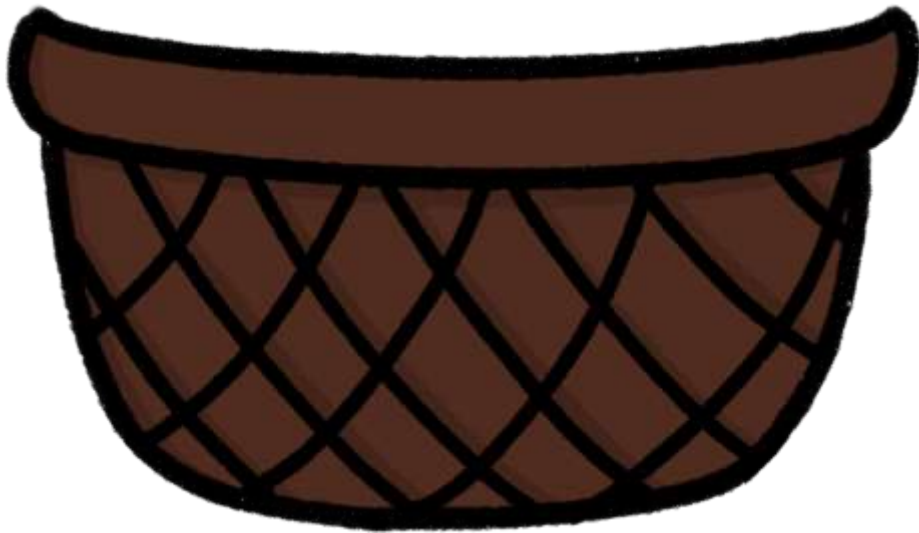
Fruit of the Spirit  
(Yellow Apples)



Sorting Baskets

Fruit of the Spirit  
(Green Apples)

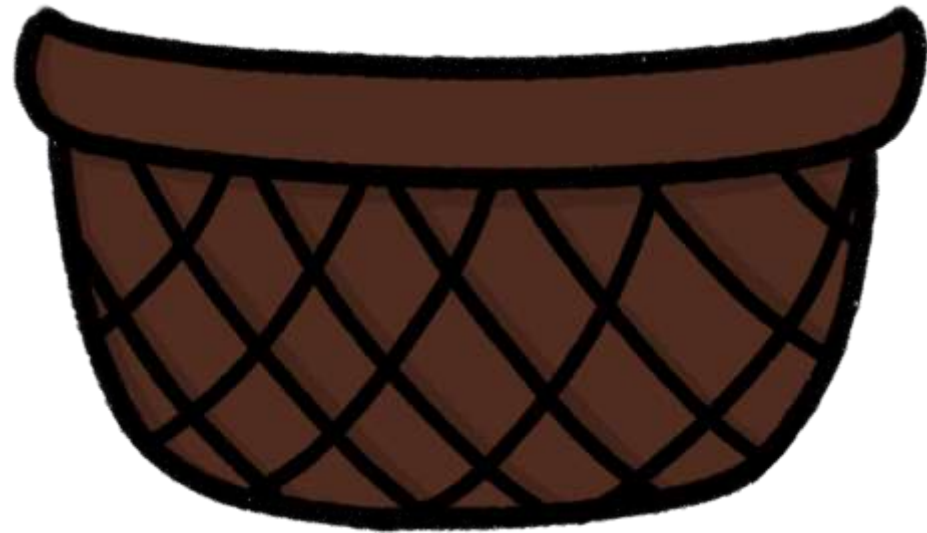
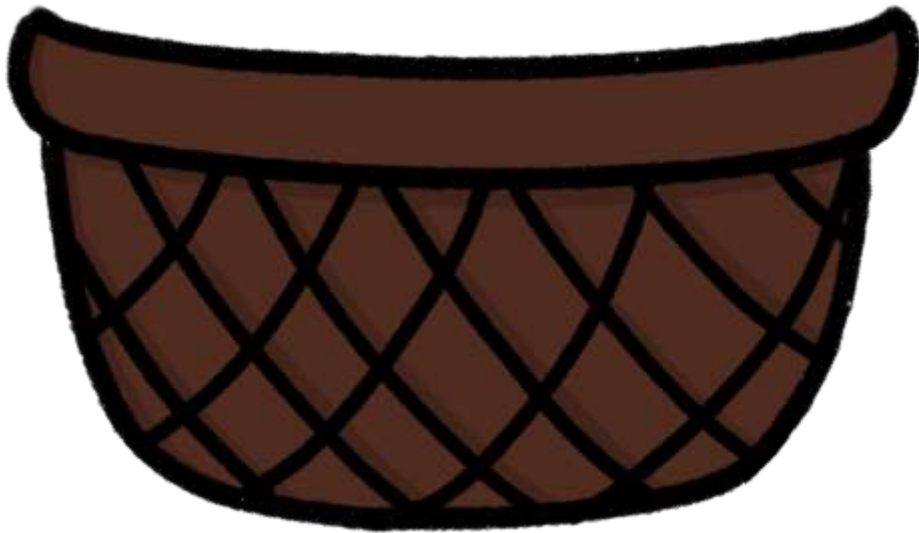
Rotten Fruit  
(Red Apples)



Sorting Baskets

Rotten Fruit  
(Green Apples)

Rotten Fruit  
(Yellow Apples)



Sorting Baskets

# Fruit of the Spirit: Apple Life Cycle

## Science Activity:

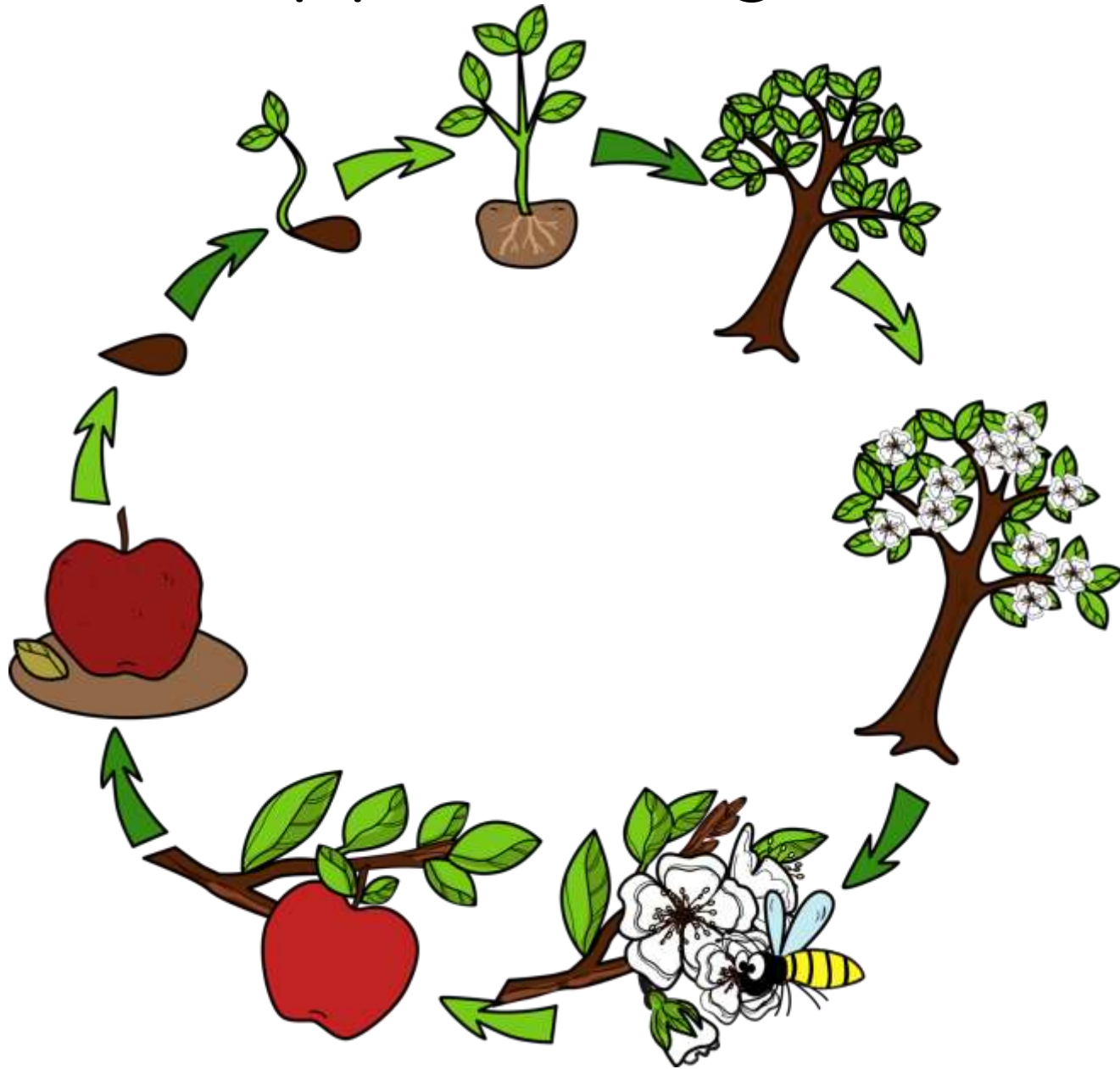
- Read any book about the life cycle of an apple. Review the Apple Life Cycle Poster (Included).
- Discuss that an apple tree is a living thing that needs non-living things (water, soil, light) to survive.
- Plant a seed that sprouts easily and allow your students to care for/observe over the month. Have students keep a journal to draw how the plant changes over time.
- Create an Apple Tree Sensory Bin where students can act-out planting seeds, growing trees, picking apples, etc.

## Bible Connection:

Connect each step in the life cycle of an apple (using Apple Life Cycle Poster) to the gospel and how God grows fruit in us. Students can also act out the life cycle using an Apple Tree Sensory Bin.

- Rotten Apple: Like a rotten apple, we are not good because of sin. Like the seed inside, God made a way to give us new life through Jesus.
- Seed: God plants His Word in our hearts like a seed.
- Sprout: When we hear God's Word and believe in Jesus, new life begins to grow in us.
- Roots: Roots dig deep to make the tree strong. We grow strong when we stay connected to God and become more like Jesus.
- Tree: A tree takes time to grow, and God patiently grows us to be more like Him each day.
- Flowers: Flowers are a sign that fruit is coming. They are beautiful and draw others near—just like God's Spirit in us attracts people to Jesus.
- Pollination: Pollination spreads life so more fruit can grow. In the same way, we can share about Jesus so others can have new life too.
- Apple: The apple is the fruit of the tree. When we belong to Jesus, He grows the Fruit of the Spirit in us.

# Apple Life Cycle



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