### <u>Pre-Lesson Downloads</u> #49 Fruit of the Spirit - Gentleness

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Dear Families: We continue our studies of the Fruits of the Spirit today with gentleness. God tells us in scripture, Matthew 7:15-20, that God's people are known by their "fruits." If we truly have God in our hearts and ask the Holy Spirit to fill us, people will see that we act with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. If we treat others, with the help of the Holy Spirit, in all of these loving ways, they can see God through us. We can be a conduit between God and others. In a scripture from John 8:12 Jesus says, "I am the Light of the world." Ephesians 5:9 then says, "Live as children of the Light—for the fruit of the Light is found in all that is good and right and true." God Bless!

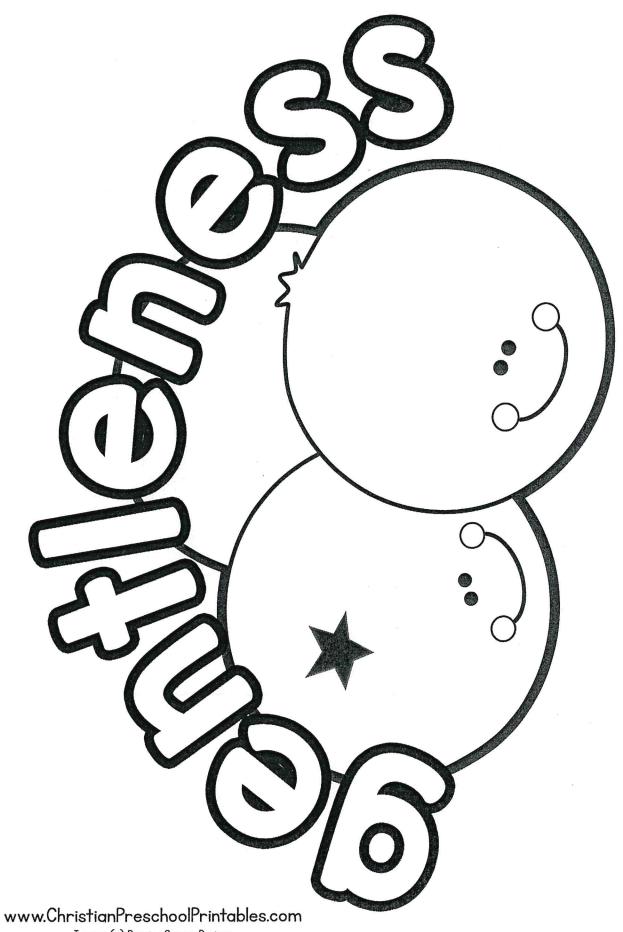
Bible Text: John 10:1-16 abridged

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gate keeper opens the gate for Him and the sheep hear His voice. He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out. When He has brought out all His own, He goes ahead of them and the sheep follow Him because they know His voice. The will not follow a stranger, but the will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers. Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them. So again Jesus said the them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by Me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. . . I am the good shepherd. I know my own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock and one shepherd."

Verse: Proverbs 15:1

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Activities: \*Gentleness color page \*Connect the Dots Shepherd and Lamb
\*Help the shepherd find the sheep maze \*Making a lamb \*Fruit of the Spirit Bingo Game
\*Gentle word jar



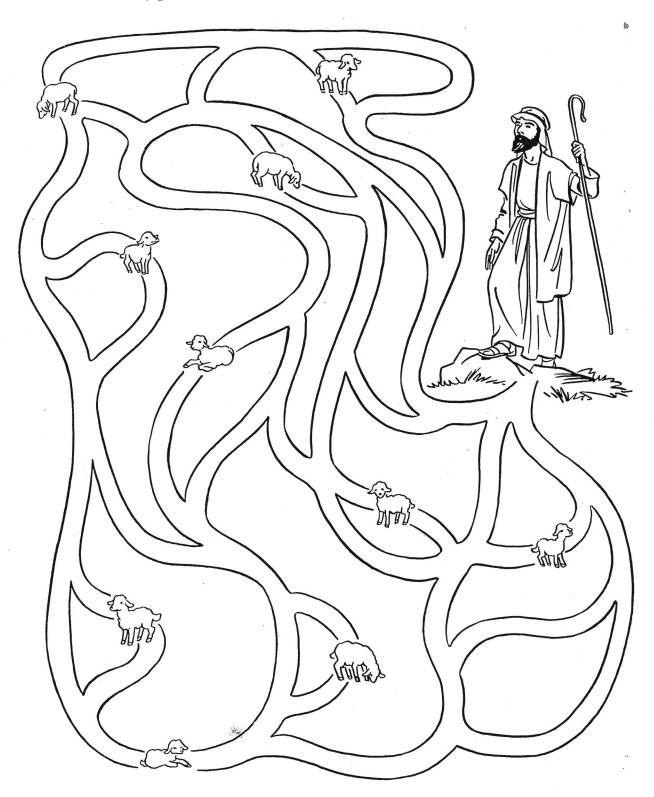
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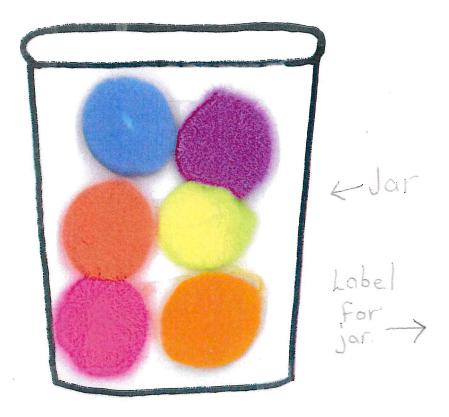
### HELP THE SHEPHERD FIND THE SHEEP

By taking one path the shepherd will be able to find every one of his sheep and return to the starting point. Remember you

must find all the sheep without using the same path twice! Color the picture after you have finished the puzzle.



### **Answers to Puzzles/Activities:**

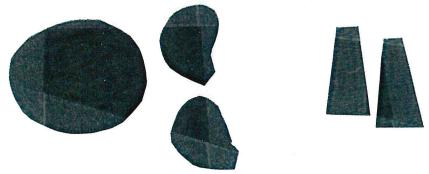


Gentleness Jar – small jar (cleaned out jelly jar), small puff balls, jar label. Tape label around jar. When your child observes someone being gentle place a puff ball into jar. Puff balls may be purchased at Michael's or Hobby Lobby.



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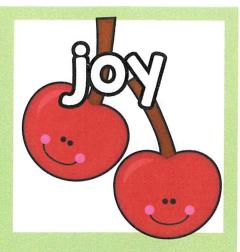










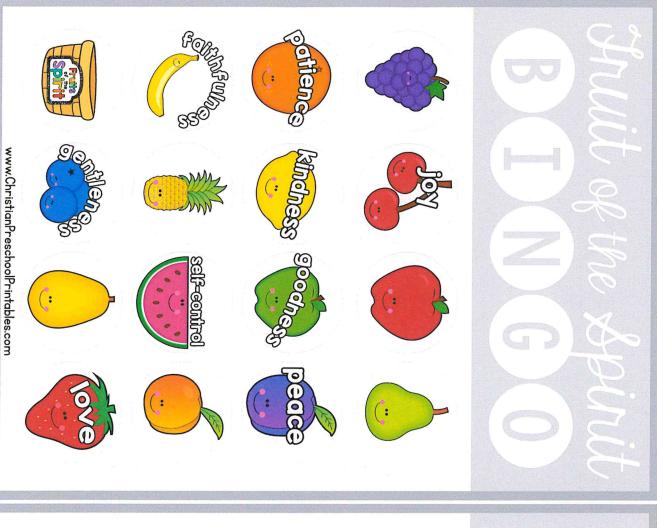


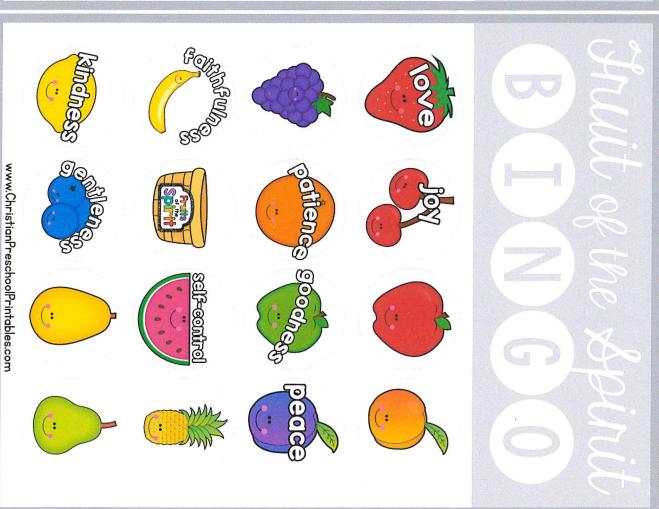




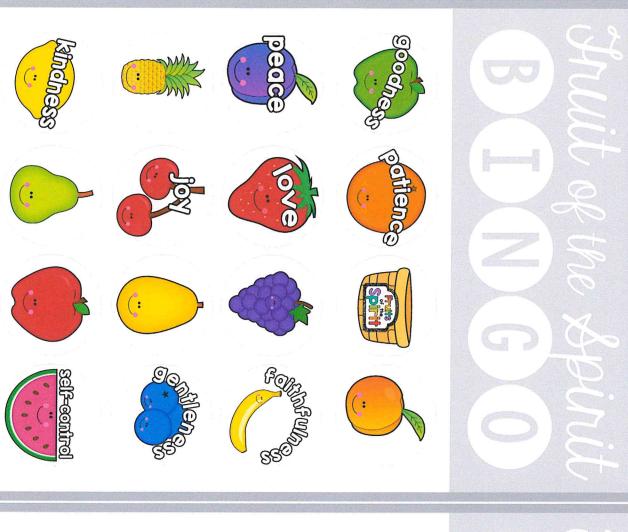
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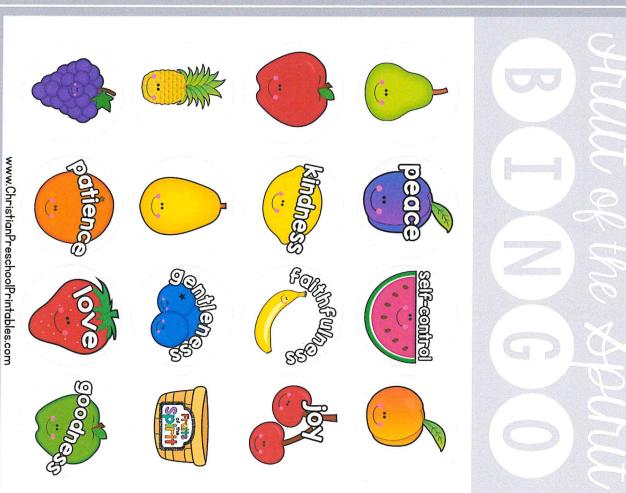
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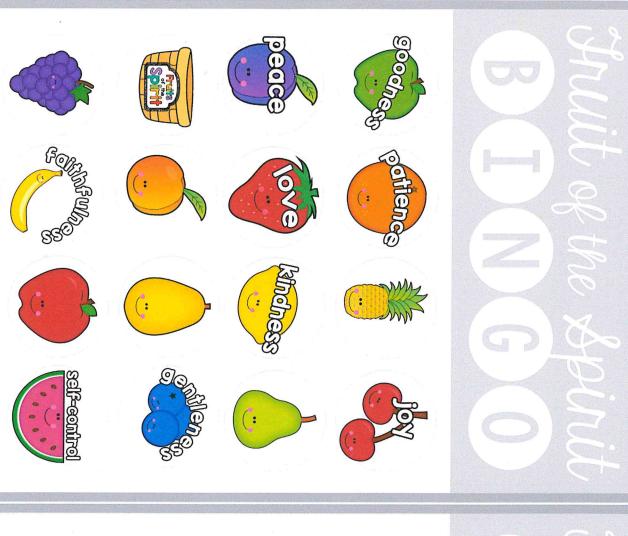
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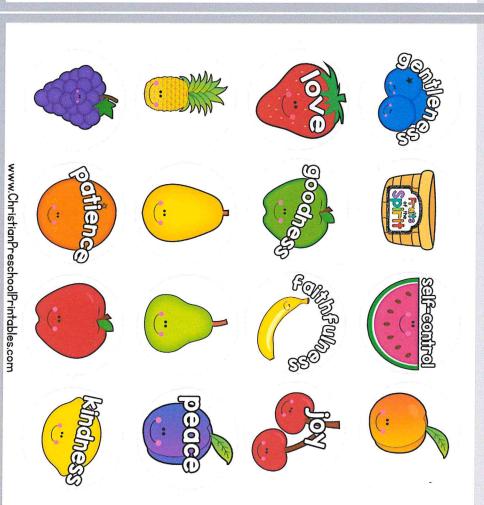




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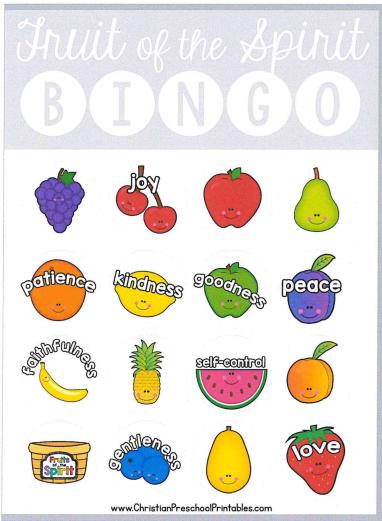
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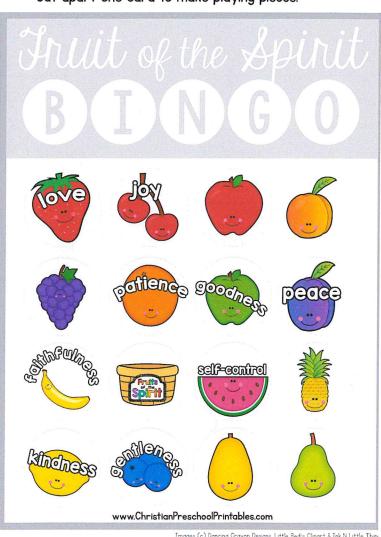




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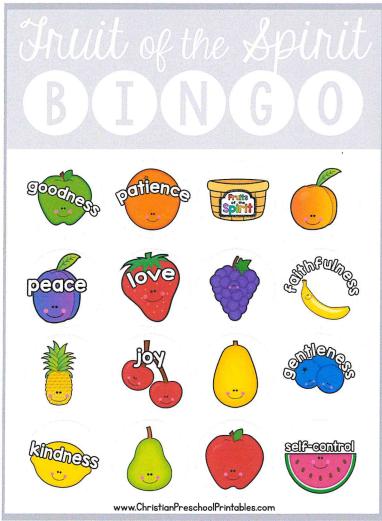
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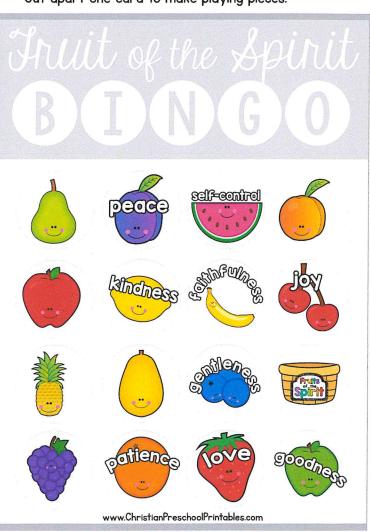




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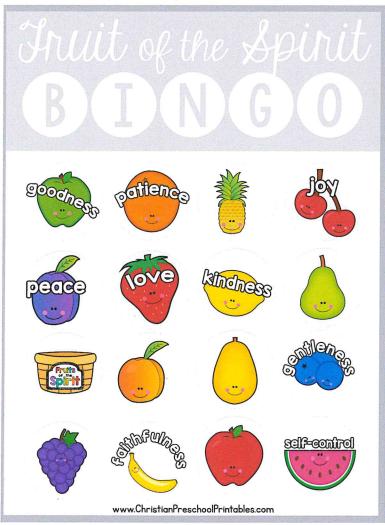
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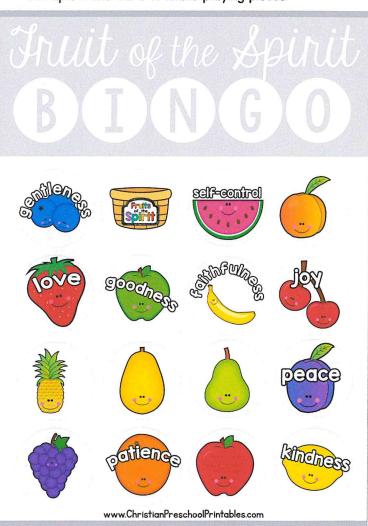




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