

In Search of Good Character:

Gentleness

Bible Passage

John 8:1-2

Big Idea

Show God's love by our  
gentle words.

Memory Verse:

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love,  
joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
goodness, and self-control.  
Against such things there is no law."

Galatians 5:22-23



REMINDERS IN USING THIS GUIDE TO  
L.E.A.D. YOUR CHILDREN

1. Look up and read the passage of scripture. Then read out loud to your children.
2. Emphasize the Big Idea and memorize the verse by taking turns.
3. Ask a few questions along the way of the discussion but focus more on the questions provided.
4. Do a fun and meaningful activity and more importantly work on the application together.

Dear Parents,

When we learn about the fruit of the Spirit, we learn about what Jesus himself is like. Jesus taught us how to live and showed us how please God. When the seeds of these fruits are planted in our hearts, the Holy Spirit helps them grow in us so we can love and serve others like Jesus di. The fruit that people will see is the love of Jesus in our lives!

God bless,

**WHAT'S IN THE BIBLE STORY**

The Pharisees brought the woman to Jesus who had sinned. They wanted to try and trap Jesus so they would have a reason to accuse Him of wrongdoing. Instead of telling them to stone her, Jesus began writing on the ground. Then Jesus said, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her". People began to leave, one by one. Finally, only Jesus and the woman were left. Jesus didn't throw any stones at her, but He did tell her to leave her life of sin. We can follow Jesus' example by gently correcting those who do wrong and offering them forgiveness.

**Exploring God's Word**

1. Watch this week's video together on the GCFI Kids website. ([www.gcfikids.org](http://www.gcfikids.org))
2. Read the Bible Passage together
3. Discuss the Talk It Over questions found below.
4. Review the memory verse together.
5. Complete the activity pages from the website.
6. Pray together at the end!

**Talk It Over**

1. Why did the Pharisees bring the woman to Jesus?
2. What did Jesus say and do?
3. Was this a gentle or harsh way to point out to her that she had sinned?!
4. Would she have learned to love Jesus if He had thrown stones at her?
5. What did Jesus tell the woman to do?

**Application**

1. Share some gentle words that have been encouraging to you.
2. Pray about how each person in your group can show God's love with gentle words this week.

### Memory Verse Challenge!

**“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”**

**Galatians 5:22-23a**

### Make It Stick

Complete the activity page(s) found on our website

[www.gcfikids.org](http://www.gcfikids.org)

### Prayer

God help me show your love to people by  
speaking words of encouragement.

Amen