



Have you ever seen God at work and wondered why the moment was so clear? Have you wondered what you could do to try and connect with those moments and feelings? Paul's letter to the Church in Galatia will come alive this week as we explore the fruit of the Spirit. Seeing this fruit all around assures us we have encountered God. We will see how these same fruit flow freely from us when we walk in the Spirit. Scripture is honest about how complicated life can be. The fruit of the Spirit shows us we are on the right track as we observe, receive, and embody these virtues.

The scriptures for the 2023 summer camping season at Camp Mennoscah are below. Some camp weeks will not use all the scriptures. We invite you to read these with your camper(s) before coming to camp and to incorporate them into your daily worship.

### **Galatians 5:16-26 – Gathering Fruit**

Campers will become acquainted with the Holy Spirit and its fruit and learn to see the fruit as evidence of God's presence. They will be invited to seek the Fruit of the Spirit at camp.

### **Luke 15:3-7 – Love and Joy**

Campers will realize they have a place at camp and celebrate that God's love extends to everyone. They will find joy in welcoming one another to camp and consider the joy that comes from being loved and valued.

### **Matthew 8:23-27 – Peace**

Campers will acknowledge the storms and fears in life. They will look to Jesus's example of inner peace and consider inner peace as a calming force in themselves and in community.

### **1 Kings 17:8-16 – Patience and Kindness**

Campers will examine the patience and impatience in the story of Elijah and the widow. They will learn that patience can produce kindness and explore the ways that patience and kindness strengthen relationships with others. They will observe the clarity and resolve that result from a patient spirit in times of action.

### **Mark 12:38-44 – Goodness and Faithfulness**

Campers will explore how goodness and faithfulness show up in character. They will examine the risk and fulfillment of faithfulness even with uncertain outcomes and imagine giving themselves to something they believe in.

### **1 Samuel 24 – Gentleness and Self-Control**

Campers will identify how self-control can lead to gentleness and examine how difficult self-control can be when we feel threatened. They will also explore how confidence is connected to self-control and understand the role of grace in sustaining and restoring relationships.

### **Galatians 5:16-26 – Fruit**

Campers will imagine the fruit of the Spirit meeting the specific needs of the world today and plan how to bear such fruit in their own lives.