

Ephesians 4.1-16

The work of the Holy Spirit

The Bible mentions the Holy Spirit a lot!

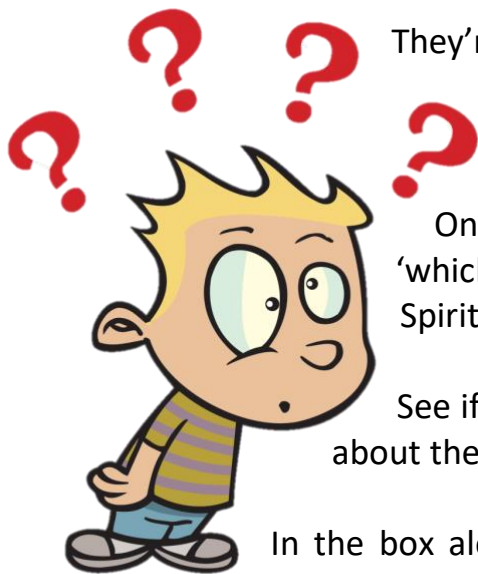
The first thing to be clear about is this –

the Holy Spirit is a person!



Because we can't see the Holy Spirit, the Bible uses 'pictures' to help us understand what He's like.

These 'pictures' aren't showing us what He *looks* like!



They're helping us see the sort of things He does in our lives and in our world.

On the next page you'll find four pictures 'which' the Bible uses to speak about the Holy Spirit.

See if you can work out what the 'picture' tells us about the Holy Spirit.

In the box alongside each picture write down what the 'picture' tells us about the Holy Spirit.

WIND



FIRE



RIVER



DOVE



In today's passage Paul speaks about the three main ways that the Holy Spirit works in our lives.

He makes us alive!
(Eph.2.4-5)



What does a sunflower need to grow from a seed to the flower?
Draw a circle round any word which the seed needs.

SUN
birds
COWS
storms
water

Jesus raises the dead – and He makes us alive!

Make sure you ask Him to give you that new life!



He gives us gifts! (Eph.4.7-11)

The Holy Spirit enables each of us to play our full part in the life of the church: He does this by giving 'gifts' to His people, which mean that there are certain tasks we're specially good at doing.

In the box on the right you'll see the part of the passage where Paul speaks about some of the 'gifts' which Jesus has given His church by His Holy Spirit.

What is common to all the 'gifts' which Paul lists here? Can you find the answer in the letters in the square below?

D F P R S A I K J
M T H E G D E V
J H W O R D A I
L X E P O F B R
H G O D R S O J
N H A R Z D X Y

Ephesians 4.11-12

“... So Christ himself gave

- apostles
- prophets
- evangelists
- pastors and teachers

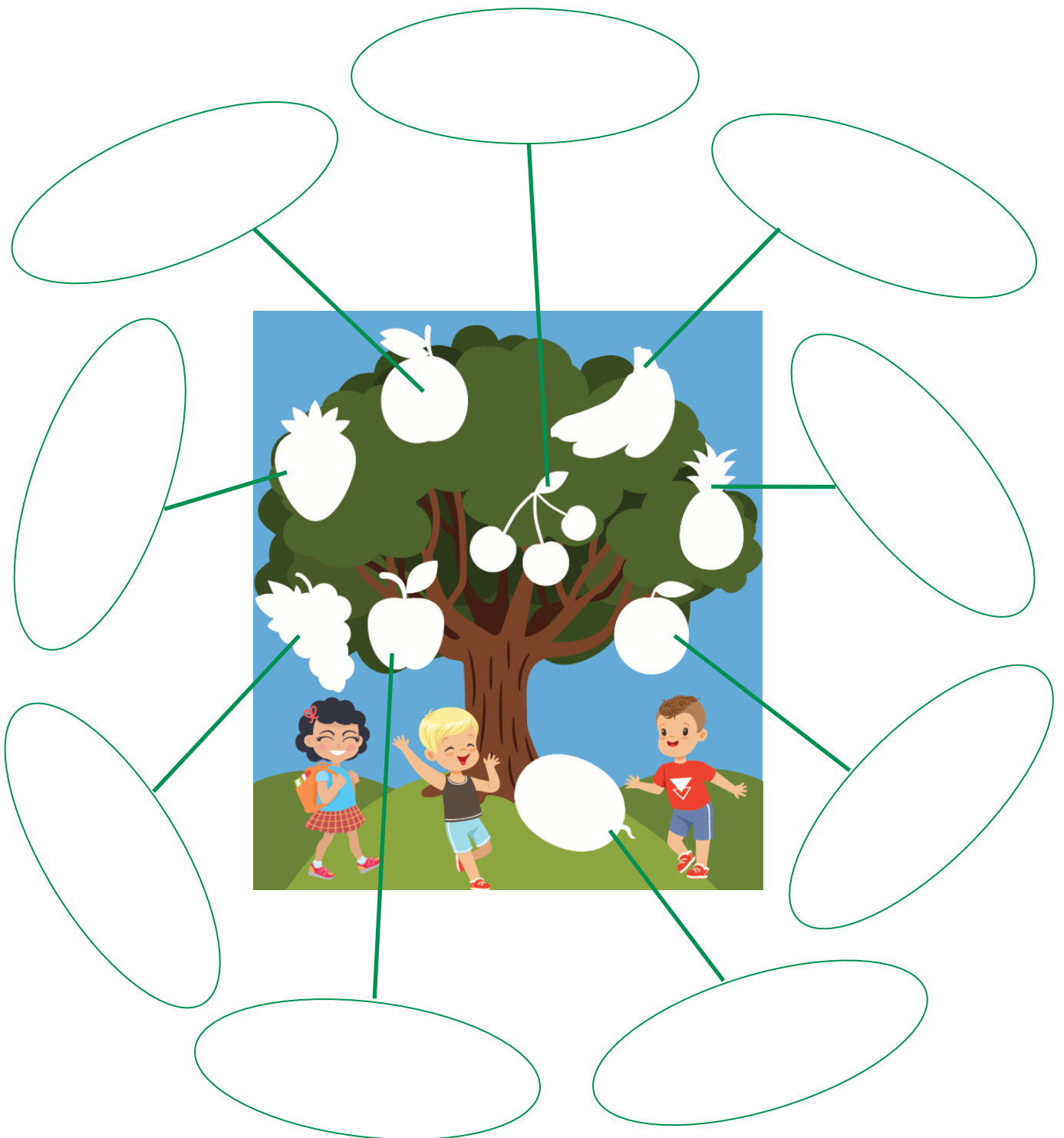
to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ..”

He makes us bear fruit!

(Eph.4.7-11)

What Paul meant by the 'fruit' of the Spirit is the range of qualities which characterize Jesus – it's these characteristics which the Spirit creates in us

See if you can identify all the different bits of fruit in the picture below!



Find a Bible and look up

Galatians 5.22-23

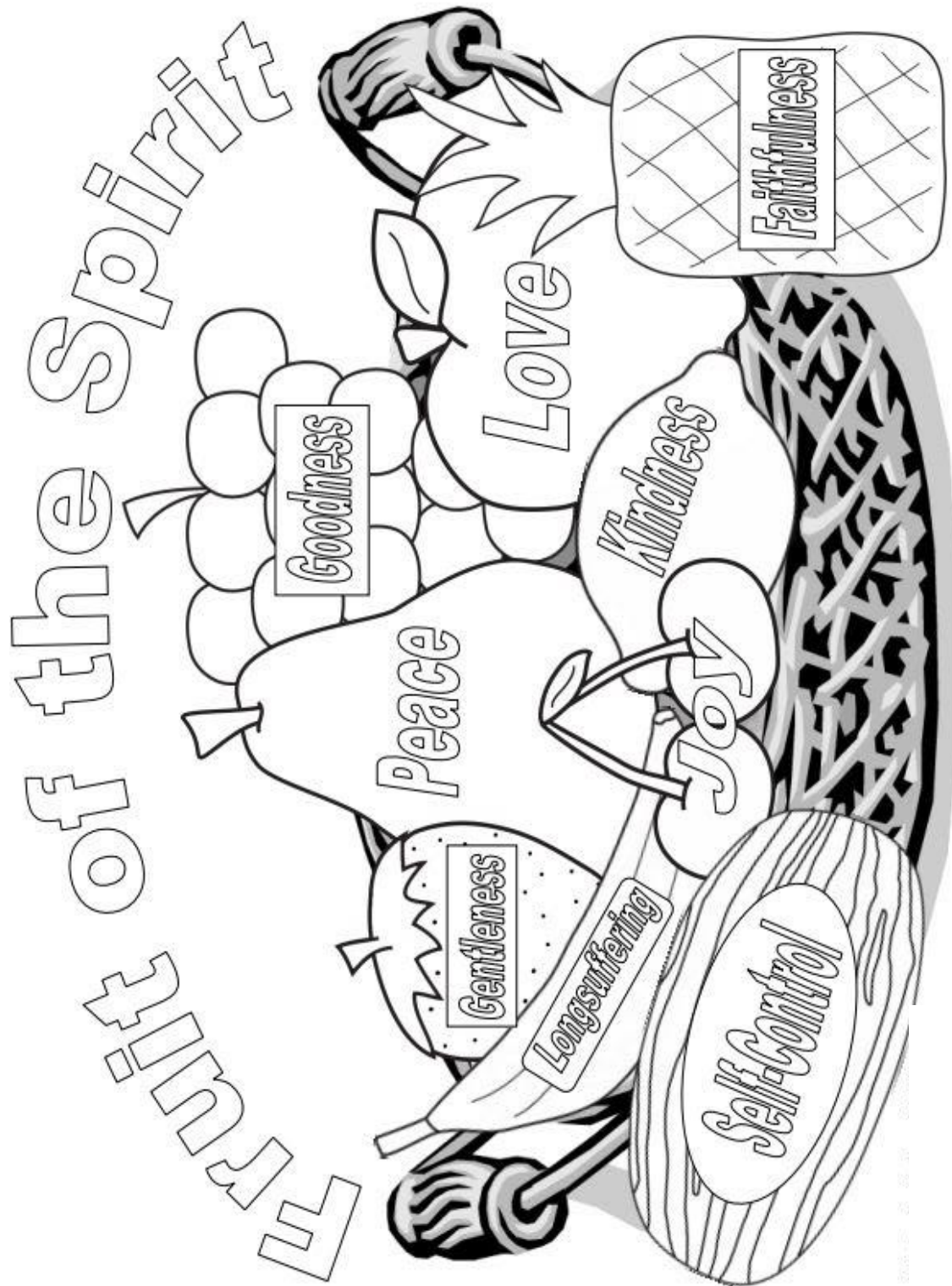
Write in the box below the different parts
of the 'fruit' of the Spirit

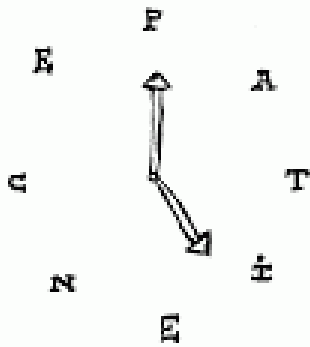
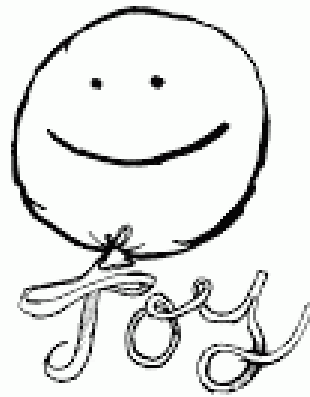


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P _ _ I _ _ _ _
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G _ _ _ _ E _ _
F _ _ _ _ _ U _ _ _ _ _
G _ _ _ _ _ E _ _
S _ _ _ ' _ _ _ T _ _ _

See if you can memorise this list
and be able to say it off by heart!

Some pictures for you to colour in!





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Why not try drawing your own picture of the 'fruit' of the Spirit!