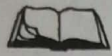


## LESSON 3: THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS PEACE.



### Lesson scripture

1 Peter 3:8-12

"Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."



### Main emphasis

A Spirit-filled Christian strives to live in peace with everyone.



### Memory verse

1 Thessalonians 5:13 - "Live in peace with each other."

*To the teacher: please, explain to the students the meaning of this memory verse.*



### Objectives

The main goal of this lesson is to teach the students that they must be filled with the Holy Spirit so that they can be peacemakers. At the end of the lesson, and in relation to the lesson scripture, the students are expected to:

1. state that God wants us to live in harmony with each other;
2. state that when someone does something evil to us, or insults us, God wants us to repay this with blessing;
3. explain that if we want to see good days, we must:
  - a) keep our tongue from evil;
  - b) do good;
  - c) seek peace and pursue it;
4. state that if we do not have peace, this is an indication that we are not filled with the Holy Spirit; so we must therefore confess our sins and ask the Holy Spirit to fill and control us.



### Words to remember

1. Harmony - being in agreement; pagkakasundo;
2. Peace - kapayapaan
3. Evil - kasamaan



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## Materials to prepare

1. Visual aid for memory verse - Annex "A"
2. Visual aids for lesson presentation - Annex "B" and Annex "C"
3. Materials for enrichment activity:
  - a) attached drawing of a dove with background;
  - b) baby oil;
  - c) cotton;
  - d) crayons or oil pastel.



## Presentation of the lesson

To the teacher: Read the lesson scripture at the beginning of this lesson plan. For older children, you can ask one of them to read. For younger children, simplify and explain the words used.

The first fruit of the Holy Spirit which we studied is love. The second fruit, which we studied last Sunday, is joy. Today, we will study the third fruit, which is peace.

Have you ever seen people fighting? Has anyone ever fought you before? Who would like to share this with us? (Get about three students to share their experiences briefly).

All of us have experienced this. We know that whenever someone fights us, we feel sad, and we also feel very bad about it.

In the lesson scripture which we read earlier, God is telling us that we should live in harmony with each other. Harmony is a word that is often used in

music. It means "agreeable sounds". To serve as an example, I would like to ask two students to volunteer and sing the song "For the Lord is my tower" together, with the same timing and pitch. (Encourage students to participate).

Now, if the singers do not agree, there is no harmony. I would now like to ask one student to sing "For the Lord is my tower" and the other one to sing "This is the day that the Lord has made" together. Do you agree with me that it doesn't sound so good?

That's the way it is also when we relate to each other. When we agree, we are in harmony. Our relationship is peaceful, and we feel happy. But when we do not agree, and when we fight with each other, we feel bad.

Our lesson scripture gives us an advice whenever someone does something evil or bad to us. The Bible says we should not repay it with evil. (Show Annex "B") Instead, we should repay it with blessing. How? By not retaliating; by praying for that person; and by doing good to that person. (Show Annex "C")

The Bible says that if we want to see good days, we should do three things:

- (a) keep our tongue from evil, meaning we should not say bad things about other people;
- (b) do good; and
- (c) seek peace and pursue it.

Whenever we do not have peace, this is a sign that we are not filled with the Holy Spirit. What should we do then? We should confess our sins, and ask the Holy Spirit to take control of our hearts.



### Life application

Is there anyone here who is burdened, feeling bothered, or lacking in peace? Would you like me to help you pray about it?

Are there students in this class who are not in harmony with each other?

*(This is the time for the teacher to minister to the students).*



### Evaluation

Fill in the blanks:

- God wants us to live in \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.
- When someone does evil to us, God wants us to repay this with \_\_\_\_\_.
- When someone insults us, God wants us to repay this with \_\_\_\_\_.
- If we want to see good days, we must:
  - keep our \_\_\_\_\_ from evil;
  - do \_\_\_\_\_;
  - seek \_\_\_\_\_ and pursue it.
- If we do not have peace, this means we are not filled with the \_\_\_\_\_.
- We should therefore \_\_\_\_\_ our sins and ask the Holy Spirit to fill and control us.

Answers:

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|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. harmony  | 4. a) tongue | 5. Holy Spirit |
| 2. blessing | b) good      | 6. confess     |
| 3. blessing | c) peace     |                |



### Enrichment activity

*Let us make a "stained glass window". See attached instructions for "Window of Peace". The teacher should explain that the dove symbolizes peace.*



### Offering

*Ask one child to lead the prayer.*



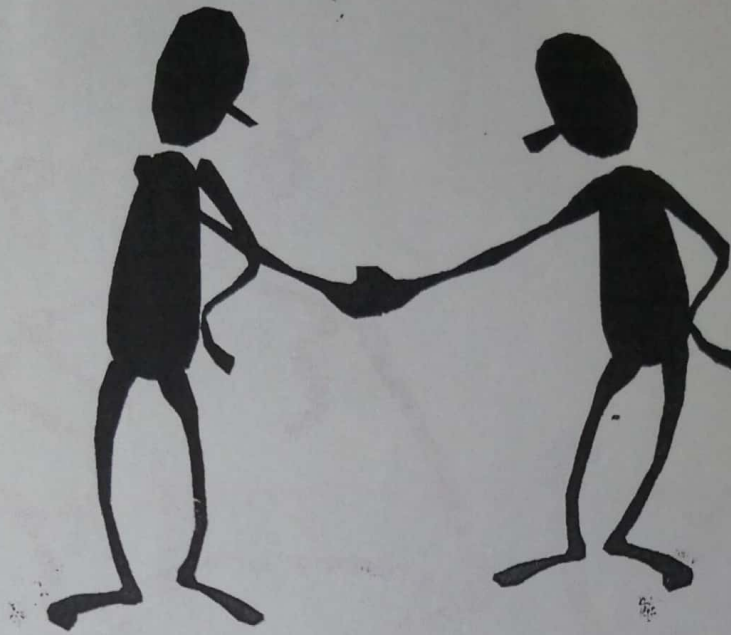
### Closing

*Close in prayer, thanking God for today's lesson, and asking for His help in applying it to our lives.*



### Your notes

ANNEX "A"



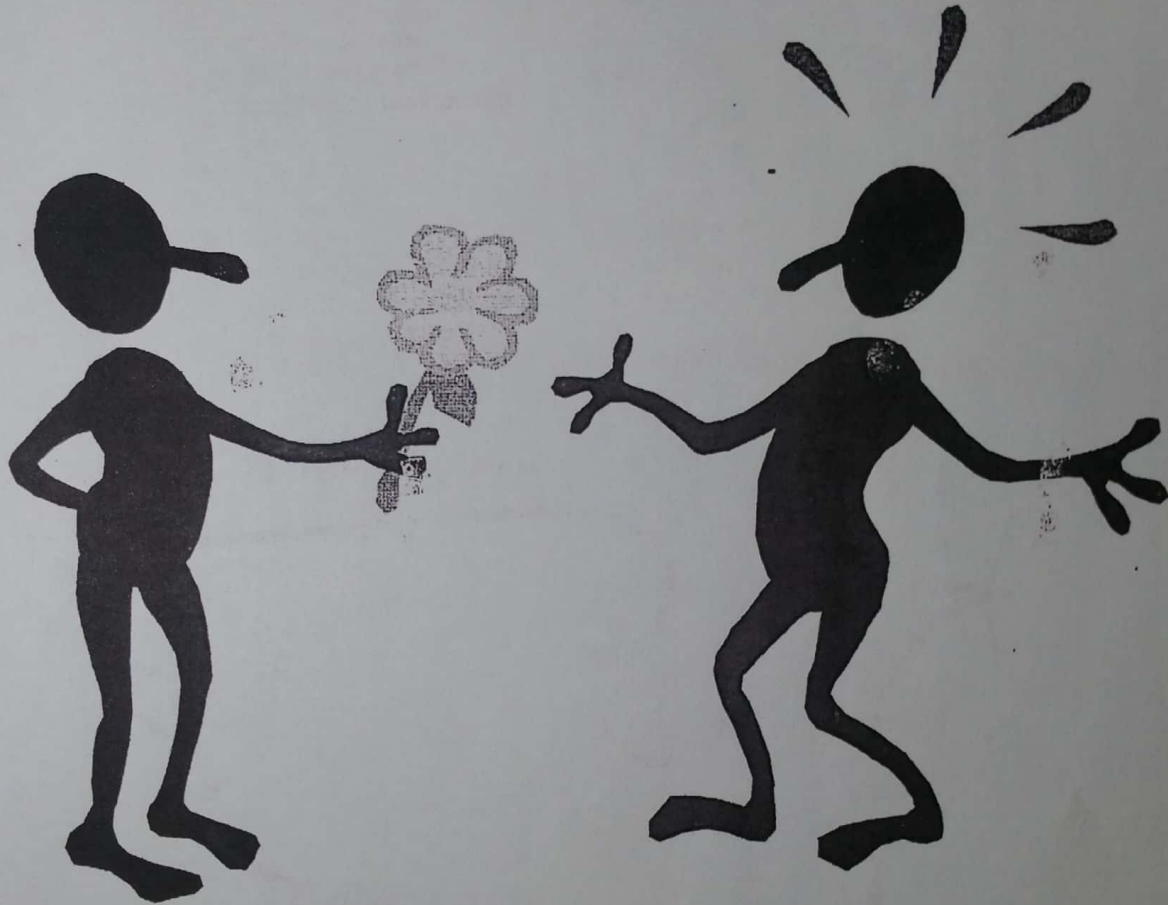
1 Thessalonians 5:13

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with each other.

ANNEX "B"



ANNEX "C"



## WINDOW OF PEACE

The dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit—the part of God that lives in the lives of his children on earth and brings them peace. Let this lovely artwork be a reminder of his peace in you.

### WHAT YOU NEED:

- The next page of this book
- Crayons
- Newspaper
- Cooking oil
- Paper towel or rag

### WHAT TO DO:

Cut the next page from this book.

Make a copy of the page on a copy machine or use black crayon or permanent black marker to trace the page on white paper.

Use crayons to color each section of the page except the dove shape.

Leave the dove shape white.

Lay the colored page **face down** on a newspaper.

Use a paper towel or rag to rub oil on back of the page.

(This will make the page transparent.)

Each time you look at the picture, **thank God** for the gift of his Spirit.

