



Your Child in Kids Branch

Choosing the Spirit

I hope you enjoyed your Christmas, in new ways, this year and you experienced the hope and peace of Jesus throughout the month of December.

Recently I've had a few conversations about the glass being half full or half empty. This has prompted me to think about our Kids Branch series on the Fruit of the Spirit as we begin a new year. How we look at things around us and our attitude, that stems from what's in our hearts, influences the words we use and our actions.

The "Fruit" that the Holy Spirit can grow and produce in our lives is amazing for each of us personally and can be used to help us teach our kids! It's about choosing to be joyful, self-controlled, patient, loving, kind, peaceful, faithful, showing or giving goodness, and being gentle in our words, deeds and attitude. I know you are thinking, this is a lot!!?

The beauty is that when we mess up and these fruits are

not demonstrated in our lives as God intended, it gives us an opportunity to be vulnerable in front of our kids. God redeems and uses this to help us grow personally, in our faith, and in our relationships with our children. With the Holy Spirit prompting and guiding us we can apologize to our kids for not coming through in ways we wish we had; in ways like being patient with them, or gentle with our words. In this moment kids get the opportunity to learn about truth and grace and forgiveness. They get a chance to blossom and learn more about how God's kingdom works.

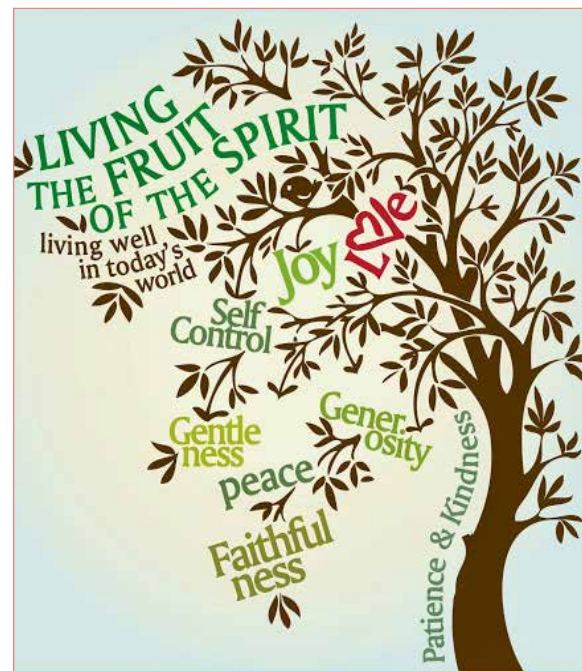
As we start a new year, I encourage you to choose to take time and to hear God's voice. Choose to take time to reflect on how the Holy Spirit is growing and producing fruit in your life. Choose to take time to allow God to fill you up so that what God is producing in you can overflow and spill out into your kid's lives and those around you. You are the greatest spiritual

influence your kids will ever have, and we pray that you will choose to continue to allow the Holy Spirit to move in you, helping you to grow in your relationship with God and help you to see how God is working in your kid's lives.

Let's continue to choose to embrace God's will for our lives and our families lives. Happy 2021!

Love,

Miss Anne





2020 in Review

Big Shout Out and Thanks

Jesus loves a joyful servant!
Thank you to the following people for serving and working during 2020.

Miss Kelly - Tremendous Thanks! For her technical genius in creating Kids Branch@Home for each Sunday in Kids Branch!
Worship team! Scott, Charles, Jennifer, Ashton, The Mah Family, The Tam Family - Yea for sharing what God has put on your heart and leading our kids in worship!

Kids Branch Summer Interns that contributed to our online Christmas series!

Miss Carolinda - Super Thanks for your creative design work with our Kids Branch Newsletter.

Kids Branch "Drop Off" Drivers - **Aruna, Kelly, Alice, Brenda, Raul, Brian, Mai.** Thanks for loving our kids!

Sarah Hubert - Thanks tons for compiling and organizing our Drop Off Envelopes!

Heather Hubert - Thanks for using your baking skills to make amazing cookies for Camp, Thanksgiving and Christmas!



Highlights

Let's cheer about all that God has blessed us with in Kids Branch, even during the Pandemic!

Spring

Kids Branch moves online with KidsBranch@Home.
Zoom with Miss Anne for Elementary & Preschool.
Sharing Devotions and Bibles Messages and Drawings of Hope for Sharing the Burden Prison Ministry.

Summer

Hiring a fantastic Summer Intern team who led our summer ministry and grew in leadership.

"Meet ups" online with Summer Interns.

"Camp in a Box", "Pop Up" Camp.

Fall

Back to School Drop off to Kids Branch Homes.

Grade 6's to Encounter Youth Grad Congratulations Drop off.

"Pop Up" Game Night.

KidsBranch@Home Preschool Edition begins.

Thanksgiving Drop Off to Kids Branch Homes.

"Pop Up" Heroes Unmasked.

"Pop Up" Sweet Swap.

"Pop Up" Vivian Forest Nature Walk.

Shoebboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Christmas Drop Off to Kids Branch Homes.

Messages & Drawings of Hope for Sharing the Burden Women's Prison Ministry.

Angel Tree Christmas for Prison Fellowship Canada.

Let's continue to thank God for His awesome power and continuing to provide ways for us to learn, grow, and give during this time.

What We've Been Up To

Angel Tree Christmas

Thank you to those of you who reached out to assist families and kids at Christmas. We blessed 8 children who have an incarcerated parent. These gifts help provide a way for parents and children to connect even though they are apart. This is also a way for us, the Church, to show those in prison that they are not forgotten. The gifts that were purchased were perfect! Check them out!





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Kids Branch Christmas Drop Off

We love your family, and hope your kids enjoyed our Christmas "Drop Off" which was full of goodies, colouring sheets, crafts, a small gift and some sweet treats.



Messages & Drawings of Hope for Sharing the Burden Women's Prison Ministry

Thank you Kids Branch kids for your drawings and messages to give hope to women in prison this Christmas.

Meet Ups with Miss Anne and Miss Kelly

Thanks for joining us on Google Meet on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve! We loved seeing and connecting with you.

Staying Connected

If you know someone who is in need, connect with us. If you would just like to "chat", call us! If you are not on our mail list and would like to be, for Kids Branch mailings or drop off's, please e-mail us. Remember we are here to help and to connect with you.
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