

## **A Note to GraceKids Families – August 2020**

Dear Parents,

This year has certainly been one of change and adjustment – for our world, for our families, and for our church. As with many things, we do not yet know when we will resume in-person children’s ministry at Grace Sacramento. We pray it is soon.

In the interim, our aim is to provide lessons and resources that families can do together with the intent of coming alongside you to nurture and disciple your children as they grow closer to God and in relationship with Jesus.

For the next six weeks, the elementary-age teachers on the GraceKids team have selected a series on the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). Each fruit (or fruits) will correspond to a Bible story that you can read together as a family directly from the Bible, making the visual connection between the lesson and God’s Word. The weekly guide also includes suggested activities for different age levels as well as questions you might discuss to build a deeper understanding of the lesson.

Additionally, we encourage your family to memorize the Fruit of the Spirit together as found in Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV). It is a constructive tool for all ages and can be a fun activity. We have also posted an acrostic daily prayer guide shared by Annette Christensen and family as a suggested means of praying through the week.

If you have any questions, comments, or are in need of other resources, please contact me at either [cgodneal@gmail.com](mailto:cgodneal@gmail.com) or (707) 290-4881.

Lastly, with eyes toward the future, we are looking to expand our team. We have a burgeoning cohort of toddlers and preschoolers (praise God!) that will necessitate recruiting Sunday volunteers when the time comes. Should you feel called to this ministry area or have ideas to share, please check in with me.

The peace of Christ be with you and your family.

*Chris Odneal*