A Tree and It’s Fruit Sun Am KZ Lesson 10/29/23

# Memory Verse: Luke 6:43-44 NKJV

# 43“For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. 44For every tree is known by its own fruit. For *men* do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush.

Target Thought: A good tree cannot produce bad fruit.

Do you like fruit? How many of you like apples? Apples not only taste good, but they are good for you. Surely you have heard the saying, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away."

How about bananas? There are lots of ways to eat bananas. They are great on cereal at breakfast, aren't they? How about banana pudding? Is there anyone who doesn't like banana pudding? Have you ever eaten banana bread? A banana split is one of my favorite snacks. Oh, did I mention that bananas have lots of vitamins?

What is one of the best ways to get a lot of vitamin C? The orange, of course! Fruits are so good and healthy for us just like the fruits of the Spirit we are learning about today. (read Gal 5:22-23). For us to be good trees is just one part of God’s perfect plans for us.

Where do we get all of these delicious fruits? They come from fruit trees, don't they? Apples come from an apple tree. Oranges come from and orange tree. Bananas come from a banana tree. A good fruit tree produces good fruit right? When we have Jesus’ love in us and we live for Him we produce good fruit.

Jesus had a lot to say about fruit. He told his followers that they were to bear fruit. Now I don’t think he was talking about apples, oranges, and bananas. What do you think Jesus meant when told his followers to bear fruit for him? [Give the children time to answer]. When Jesus says that good people produce good fruit, he doesn’t mean the kind of fruit that we eat. He means that if we are following him, we will want to do the things that make God happy. We will do good things, we will help people, we will share what we have with others, and we will treat other people with respect.

Jesus wants us to produce good fruit so that we can have a good and happy life, while we make other people’s life good also. Jesus loves everybody and wants to save and bless everybody, Jesus uses us to show His love to others.

Jesus said, "A tree is identified by its fruit. A good person produces good things from a good heart, but an evil person will produce bad things from an evil heart. What kind of fruit tree do we want to be? A good tree producing good fruit, or an evil tree producing evil fruit?

Father, we want to be identified as a good tree, producing good fruit. Help us to do the things we know will be pleasing to you. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

1 Is being a good tree a part of God’s perfect plans for us?

2 When we have Jesus’ love in us and we live in Him does it help us to produce good fruit?

3 Do we want to do the things that make God happy?

4 Does Jesus use us to show His love to others?

5 What kind of fruit tree do we want to be?