

OLLIE'S ORCHARD





Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: "Gentle or Not?" cards

1. Introductions

Circle Up: Have Kid-Os sit down in a circle as quickly as they can and give you a "thumbs up" when they are ready to listen. Encourage each Kid-O to say their name.

2. Discussion Questions

- How was Abigail gentle in our Bible Adventure story? (Instead of fighting with David, Abigail chose to stay calm and be kind.)
- What are some ways you can be gentle with others? (Using a calm and quiet voice, giving a hug instead of pushing, using kind words instead of mean words, etc.)

3. Activity

Say This: We're going to play a game called "Gentle or Not?" I'll hold up a picture. I want you to put your thumb up if you see someone being gentle and your thumb down if they are not being gentle.

Do This: Play the game.

The Point: Gentleness is a fruit of the Spirit. God can help us be gentle in our words and our actions.

4. Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Prayer

Do This: Practice the Big Idea and Memory Verse with the kids.

Memory Verse: Galatians 5:22-23 – "But the fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy, and peace. It is being patient, kind, and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having self-control."

Big Idea: I can be gentle.

Do This: Encourage kids to talk about what they learned with their grown-ups.

Do This: Pray! "Dear God, we love you. Thank you for loving us. Help us to be gentle. Amen."