

Dear Jr. High Youth Worker,

The fruit of the Spirit...have you ever read that list and thought about a typical junior higher? I have and I must admit, it can be a little discouraging! Patience? Kindness? Gentleness? Self-control? Is it possible that getting a junior higher to experience these qualities in his or her life is too big a job for even the Holy Spirit? OF COURSE NOT! The truth is, junior high is the perfect time for students to begin to allow the Spirit of God to invade their lives in ways they've never experienced. I really like this study because it forces students to think about what kind of 'fruit' they are producing. These qualities don't come naturally for most junior highers, but guess what...they don't come naturally for anybody! It's God's spirit at work within us that produces the kind of fruit listed in this popular passage. That's the spiritual side of why I like teaching this study, but the other reason is because I love starting off by asking junior high guys this question: "How fruity are you?" It gets them every time!

Like just about everything at Simply Junior High, this resource has the ability to be easily tweaked, twisted, and turned inside out in order to make it fit the needs of your students more specifically! This material is simple to use and will save you lots of time, which will allow you to focus on loving your students and training volunteers.

Thanks for allowing Simply Junior High to partner with you from a distance!

Living life to the fullest,



Kurt Johnston



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