



Camp Venture Counselor's Guide: Ages 6-12
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 6, Lesson 31

The Lost Son

Lesson Aim: To know God always welcomes us back to Him. (Salvation Message)

THE WORSHIP - AT THE CAMPFIRE

Who God is: The King Who Teaches

THE WORD & THE WAY – TENT TIME

Kingdom Parable: Luke 15:11-24

What He has done: Jesus taught about a father who welcomed his lost son home.

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." "Jesus said, 'Go and bear fruit - fruit that will last - then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My Name.'" Galatians 5:22-23; John 15:16b

Unit 6: The King Who Teaches—Parables 2			
	Bible Story	What He Has Done	Lesson Aim
28	The Rich Fool, Luke 12:15-21	Jesus taught about a rich man who stored up things for himself.	To know God wants us to be rich toward Him.
29	The Talents, Matthew 25:14-30	Jesus taught about a master who entrusted his servants with money.	To know we should be faithful with whatever God gives us.
30	The Pharisee and the Tax Collector, Luke 18:9-14	Jesus taught about the importance of a humble attitude.	To know God looks at the attitude of our hearts, not our deeds.
31	The Lost Son, Luke 15:11-24	Jesus taught about a father who welcomed his lost son home.	To know God always welcomes us back to Him. (Salvation Message)
32	The Good Samaritan, Luke 10:30-37	Jesus taught about a man who was a good neighbor.	To show kindness and love sacrificially.

COUNSELOR'S ENCOURAGEMENT

This week, read Revelation 7:9-17. Please join us in praying, "Thank You, Lord, for opening Your arms and welcoming anyone who wants to come to You. Pour out Your Spirit so the children's hearts will be open to come to You. Amen."

WHAT is CAMP VENTURE? Camp Venture is a variation on the Kings & Kingdoms Units 5 and 6 standard version lessons. Both versions cover the same parables. Camp Venture offers different elements consistent with a camping theme. Children are referred to as campers and teachers are camp counselors. Decorate classroom or play area to create the Camp Venture experience. For example: camp tent, backpacks, photo board or album with photos of each camper, fire logs surrounded by stones as a flameless campfire, etc. Camp Venture is most often introduced as Sunday School curriculum during school vacation months but can easily be adapted as a Vacation Bible School curriculum.

TREASURE TREAT: The Treasure Treat for Units 5 and 6 is a Kingdom Parable Journal. Each week, campers receive Kingdom Parable Stickers to add to their journal. The journal and stickers are available at ResourceWell.org. You may print the stickers on sticker paper or on sturdy paper and attach with glue.

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THE WORSHIP THE WORD & THE WAY

Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
THE WELCOME	Up to 25	Game: Handshake Marathon	Paper, pencils, Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song "The Fruit of the Spirit," CD player
THE WORSHIP – AT THE CAMPFIRE	Up to 20	Worship Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org	Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song: "The Fruit of the Spirit" Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions: "I Am the Way" "Praise the Lord, O My Soul" "Well Done" "Yahweh Every Day: You Shall Love the Lord" Additional Hymn Suggestion: "Amazing Grace" Additional Song Collection Suggestions: Songs 4 Worship Kids Volume 1 Sunday School Jamz by Worship Jamz
		Worship Scripture Reading: John 14:6	Bible
		Offering	Baskets
		Worship Illustration	Lesson 28 Critter Kingdom script or storybook
THE WORD & THE WAY – TENT TIME	Up to 10	Kingdom Parable: Luke 15:20-24 The Bible reading has been abbreviated to provide more time for the salvation message.	Bibles, Children's Guide for New Believers (available at ResourceWell.org)
	Up to 5	Parable Pal	Camp Cooler containing Parable Pal letter, coin or currency, a ring, leather shoelace or twine
	Up to 5	Share a Prayer	None
	Final 5	Final Five Minutes	Lost Son Kingdom Parable Stickers, Daily Ways or W3's, Letters from Camp, basket for Daily Way Challenge, pencils, poster board, crayons or markers, prayer notebook, Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song "The Fruit of the Spirit," CD player
GOT TIME?	Up to 10	Snack: Pig Slop	Chocolate pudding, raisins, nuts, gummy worms, crushed cookies, spoons, bowls
	Up to 10	Game: Homecoming Relay	2 robes, 2 finger rings, 2 pairs of slip-on sandals, 2 spoons, 2 plastic bowls, floor tape
	Up to 10	Craft: Parable Wind Chimes– The Lost Son	Ribbon, large bead, clothespin, pipe cleaners, cloth, cotton balls, glue, tape, markers, hole punch
		Discussion: The Angry Brother	Bible, open to Luke 15:25-32
	Up to 5	Bonus Parable: The Unforgiving Servant	Bible, open to Matthew 18:21-35; The Unforgiving Servant Parable Stickers (available at ResourceWell.org)
	Up to 5	Bible Memory Verse Activity: Fruit Concentrate	Orange paper, marker, Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse poster
	Up to 10	Bible Memory Verse Activity: Fruit of the Spirit Hopscotch	One stone, bottle cap, or shell, one piece of chalk or floor tape, Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse poster, paint or markers

RESOURCES: Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



Getting started

THE WELCOME – CAMP GAMES

Welcome to Camp Venture! Each time before we worship, let's get to know each other better and have some fun with our camp games. First, let's dedicate this day of camp to King Jesus. Pray.

What do people do to welcome each other? (Handshake, hug, say "hello.") **Let's make our own secret handshake that we can use to welcome each other.** Handshake example: Use right hand for traditional shake, then high-five, then snap fingers.

GAME: HANDSHAKE MARATHON

Purpose: To introduce the welcome theme as campers shake hands and collect signatures.

Supplies: Paper, pencils, Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song "The Fruit of the Spirit," CD player

Directions:

1. Each team designs a three-part secret handshake.
2. Each camper receives paper and a pencil and writes his/her team name at the top of the paper.
3. Play Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song "The Fruit of the Spirit."
4. Using the team handshake, each camper shakes as many hands as possible.
5. After each handshake, campers sign each other's paper to show a handshake was completed.
6. When the song ends, campers count the signatures they collected to see who has the most.
7. Each team totals their campers' handshakes.
8. The team with the most handshakes wins.

People welcome each other in many ways. Today, we are going to learn the story about the lost son and how his father welcomed him home. God also welcomes you back to Himself.

You may earn points for your team by attending Camp Venture, completing your Daily Way, bringing your Bible, bringing a friend, winning a game, and showing good sportsmanship. At Camp Venture, good sportsmanship is respectful behavior towards others. It includes cheering for your team during the game, playing fairly, tallying scores honestly, and cheering for other teams when point tallies are announced. Bonus team points are awarded for cheering and encouraging other teams.

Grand Prize: On the final day at Camp Venture, all members of the winning team receive a surprise grand prize. The grand prize can be an ice cream party, pizza party, etc. Before closing on the last day, have the winning team invite all of the other teams to join the party. Always encourage good sportsmanship and cheering for each other.

Counselor Clues: All games may be adapted to a competitive or a non-competitive version. Camp competition provides an opportunity for campers to learn how to compete, encourage other campers, and to be gracious winners and losers. For added fun, be very generous with the points. For example: 100,000 points for 1st place, 75,000 points for 2nd place, 40,000 points for 3rd place, and 30,000 points for 4th place. The teams will end up with point totals in the millions at the end of camp.



Jesus as the King who teaches

THE WORSHIP — AT THE CAMPFIRE

Counselor Clue: To help campers identify time set aside for worship, designate a special corner or area for singing, collecting offering, and watching the worship illustration. Play music as campers move from one area to another.

Salvation Message: This worship time includes an explanation of how Jesus made a way (like a bridge) for whoever believes in Him to no longer be separated from God, the Father. This illustration is called “The Bridge of Salvation” and it includes a personal invitation to receive Christ as Lord and Savior. It is included at the end of the Kingdom Critter script, or two leaders may present the salvation message using “The Bridge of Salvation” illustration available for download at ResourceWell.org under Children—Other Resources.



Today, we worship Jesus as our Teacher. In the Parable of the Lost Son, Jesus teaches us about a father who forgave his son and welcomed him back with a big celebration. It’s a picture of the way our Father in heaven loves us and always welcomes us to be with Him. As we give our offering, picture Him welcoming us from His throne in heaven. Sing: “Praise the Lord, O My Soul” while collecting the offering.



Just as the father welcomed the son, our heavenly Father welcomes us when we come to Him. Jesus clearly explains the way we can come to God the Father. Read John 14:6.



Perform Critter Kingdom script or read storybook: Kings & Kingdoms Unit 6, Lesson 31, including the reciting of the Camper’s Code:

Camper’s Code

I will love God with all my heart.
I will love my neighbor as myself.
I will be a light wherever I go.



Present salvation message using “The Bridge of Salvation,” or invite children who want to come back to God through believing in Jesus to pray the ABC prayer (or a similar prayer of salvation) with you now.

ABC PRAYER (Admit – Believe – Come)

Lord Jesus,

I Admit I am a sinner.

I Believe You are the Lord who died to take my sins away.

Please Come into my heart and I’ll follow You forever.

In Jesus name, I pray. Amen.



Now, let’s celebrate those of you who chose to come back to God! Sing: “I Am the Way.” You may also choose to sing songs that focus on being close with God.



Kingdom Parable

THE WORD & THE WAY – TENT TIME

Counselor Clue: Tent time should take place in a corner of the classroom, under a tent, or any covered space. Remove chairs and have campers sit on mats or sit-upons.

Salvation Message: The Bible reading below has been abbreviated to provide more time for the salvation message. If time allows, read Luke 15:11-24. The rest of the story is located in the GOT TIME Discussion: The Angry Brother.

Before we read God's Word, let's go over our Camp Covenant. A covenant is an agreement. Just as God made a covenant with His people, I ask each of you to make this covenant promise with me today. Listen as I read our Camp Covenant: "I will keep my eyes on my teacher, my mouth in control, my ears on God's Word—knowing God is my goal."

Welcome to Tent Time. Today, we heard the Parable of the Lost Son. The son took his money and left home. What happened to his money? (He spent it on wild living.)



Let's read what happened when the son returned home. Before we read, let's stand and ask God to open our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds to His Word today. Who would like to pray that for us? Choose a camper to pray aloud. Read Luke 15:20-24.

Just as the son needed forgiveness, we all need God's forgiveness for our sin (doing wrong in God's eyes). During our worship around the campfire today, we learned how our sins have separated us from our heavenly Father. We saw how Jesus made a way for us to come to God and be close with Him forever. Jesus is the bridge between us and God.

Earlier today, some of you may have prayed the ABC Prayer. That prayer says,

Lord Jesus,

I Admit I am a sinner.

I Believe You are the Lord who died to take my sins away.

Please Come into my heart and I'll follow You forever.

In Jesus name, I pray. Amen.

Is there anyone who has never prayed a prayer like that before and would like to do that with me now? If no one responds, remind campers they can come to you any time in the future to pray that prayer. If a camper asks to pray, invite that camper to pray the ABC Prayer (or a similar prayer of salvation) with you while remaining campers quietly bow their heads.

If you prayed that prayer or one like it, you will live forever close with God! Some of you may have prayed that prayer a long time ago but now you feel distant from God. Just as the father was not angry with his son, God is not angry with you for wandering away from Him. God is waiting with open arms. If you have wandered away from God and want to be very close with Him again, pray this prayer with me now. Pray a brief prayer of recommitment. Did you know whenever anyone prays a prayer like these we have prayed, all of heaven celebrates, just as the father celebrated with his son in the parable? What do you think heaven's celebration looks like? (Campers respond.)

Counselor Clue: Supply any child you have led to Christ with a Children's Guide for New Believers, available at ResourceWell.org. This guide will help the child and parent better understand the prayer and next steps in nurturing spiritual growth.



Parable Pal

THE WORD & THE WAY – TENT TIME

During Tent Time, we always open our Camp Cooler to find something from our Parable Pal about the kingdom of God. Let's see what our Parable Pal can show us about the lost son.

Counselor opens cooler and reads the letter from the Parable Pal. Cooler also contains a coin or currency, a ring, and a leather shoelace or twine.

Hello Campers,

Today, you heard about the father welcoming back his son who had gone far from him. This parable is like a picture of the times when our hearts go far from our heavenly Father. In this cooler are three symbols from the parable that remind us of the ways our heavenly Father welcomes us when we come to Him.

MONEY (coin or currency): The money reminds us of forgiveness. The father forgave the son for taking the money and spending it all on wild living. Just as the son went far from his father, when we spend all our time and money on something else or put something else before God, our hearts feel far from Him. Take seven seconds of silence to think about something you do that keeps you far from God or something you treat as more important than Him. Silently ask God to forgive you and He will! Campers bow heads in silent confession for seven seconds.

RING: When the son came back to him, the father gave the son a ring and a robe. The ring reminds us of God's love because it is round and has no end. The robe reminds us that He cares for us. We belong to Him.

SANDAL STRAP (leather shoelace or twine): The father gave the son new sandals. The sandals remind us that we can walk with God every day. When we ask Jesus to come into our hearts, He sends the Holy Spirit to live in us forever. The Holy Spirit helps us do things God's way instead of our way. The Holy Spirit helps us follow Him every step of every day. Now that's something to celebrate!

**Keep cool, campers!
Your Parable Pal**

THE WAY *continued...*



SHARE A PRAYER

Let's thank Jesus for giving us life forever with God. All we have to do is believe in Him and we will be welcomed into heaven by God, the Father. Ask campers for individual praise and prayer requests. Write requests in a prayer notebook.

Father in heaven, thank You for sending Your Son to pay for our sins. You know our needs—the ones we shared out loud and the ones we hide in our hearts. We lift all these up to Your throne now. Pause for a moment of silence. We can't wait to see the way that You will answer each one.

Now, we pray the prayer Your Son taught us: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

KINGDOM PARABLE JOURNAL: Today, your Treasure Treat is the Lost Son Kingdom Parable Sticker. You will also receive a bonus sticker for the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant (see Bonus Parable in GOT TIME?). You can discover more about this parable in this week's Daily Way (W³ for older students). Keep your Kingdom Parable Journal at home and collect all twenty Kingdom Parable Stickers by joining us here each time.

DAILY WAY CHALLENGE: Did anyone bring in a completed Daily Way from last time? Praise or reward those who return a Daily Way. Distribute Lesson 31 Daily Way 5-day Bible study. **Complete this week's Daily Way at home and let God speak to you through His own words in the Bible.** Bring it back next time to win points for your team here at Camp Venture.

W³ CHALLENGE (For Older Campers): Take home today's W³ Journal Entry as your personal devotional study. Keep your journal entries together at home in a notebook or in your Bible. Distribute W³ Journal Entry #31 instead of the Daily Way. **Complete this at home and let God speak to you through His own words in the Bible!**

PARABLE POSTER PROJECT: Until it is time to be dismissed, let's work on our Parable Poster Project. Before class, draw an outline of a barefoot man in a robe. Assign a camper to print "The Lost Son." Campers take turns decorating the lost son's robe, drawing sandals, and drawing favorite foods enjoyed at a party. Assign one camper to glue on a jewel, button, or sequin as the son's ring.

Counselor's Clue: Save the Parable Poster each week to hang in the room or create an oversized book.

LETTERS FROM CAMP: Write a Letter from Camp to someone in your home and let them know what you did today. Write your favorite thing about today and something special about the parable you just learned. Sign it and take it home.

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG: Play the Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse Song, "The Fruit of the Spirit," in the background as campers wait to be dismissed.



If time remains, choose from the connected activities below.

GOT TIME?

SNACK: PIG SLOP

Purpose: Campers mix their own visually unappealing, yet tasty, snack representing the pig food from the parable.

Snack Suggestion: Chocolate pudding, raisins, nuts, gummy worms, crushed cookies, (or other ingredients locally available to you), spoons, bowls

The son in our story ran away from home. What happened when he ran out of money? (He was so hungry he ate pig food.) **Pigs dig through dirt to eat roots, bugs, and worms, or they eat a mixture of people's food scraps called slop. How do you think the hungry son felt to watch the pigs eat?** (Campers respond.) **Mix together as many snack items as you want to make your own pig slop. You can use chocolate pudding as mud, raisins and gummy worms as bugs, and crushed cookies as dirt! How do you think this meal compares to the fancy feast the father gave his son upon his return?** (Campers respond.)

Directions:

1. Distribute snack and drinks.
2. Campers mix together ingredients to create the most disgusting mix they are still willing to eat.
3. Camper prays to thank God for the snack.
4. Ask the Snack Discussion Question: **"What is the best meal you have ever eaten?"**

GAME: HOMECOMING RELAY

Purpose: To remind the campers of the gifts the father gave the son upon his return

Supplies: 2 robes, 2 finger rings, 2 pairs of slip-on sandals, 2 spoons, 2 plastic bowls, floor tape

Prepare: Use floor tape to mark the starting line. Place the bowls on the opposite end of the play area. Place the robes, rings, sandals, and spoons in two piles at the starting line.

In today's parable, the father welcomed his lost son home with gifts of a robe, a ring, sandals, and a feast. In this relay race, we will put on these gifts and run the race.

Directions:

1. Divide the campers into 2 teams standing single file behind the starting line.
2. On your signal, the first camper from each team puts on the robe, ring, and sandals.
3. The first camper then takes the spoon, races to tap the bowl with the spoon, and then returns to the starting line.
4. The camper then takes off the robe, ring, and sandals and gives the spoon to the second camper who repeats steps 2 and 3. The first camper sits near his or her team.
5. The first team to have all their campers complete the race is the winner.

GOT TIME? *continued...*

CRAFT: PARABLE WIND CHIMES—THE LOST SON

Purpose: Create a wind chime strand to remember the Parable of the Lost Son.

Supplies: Ribbon, large bead, clothespin (doll-style), pipe cleaners, cloth, cotton balls, glue, tape, markers, hole punch

Prepare: Cut a 20-inch and a 4-inch piece of ribbon. Cut pipe cleaners in half. Cut cloth into 3-inch x 3" squares for robes (adjust for the size of the clothespin). Cut slits in the cloth for armholes. To keep the wind chime balanced, punch a hole about 1-inch from the edge, directly opposite from the strand attached in the previous lesson.

Optional: Use a large bead to secure the 20-inch ribbon above the plate. Substitute beads with any materials available: buttons, shells, stones, small metal objects, etc. Display a finished craft.

Counselor Clue: Parable Wind Chimes will be completed in Lessons 23-32 as the parables of Jesus are taught. Each session, a new strand representing the parable will be added to the paper plate base of the wind chimes. To maintain balance in the wind chimes as they are being created, punch holes directly opposite from each other when adding a new strand. Be sure to have extra paper plates and 30-inch ribbon hangers available for new campers who come in future sessions.

What did the father do when his son came home? (He gave his son a hug, kiss, ring, robe, sandals, and a party.) **What are the three ways God welcomes us back when we come to Him?** (Forgives us, loves and cares for us forever, helps us walk with Him every day.) **Let's make a wind chime strand of the father with open arms, waiting for his son's return. Each time you look at the strand, remember that God welcomes you back every time you wander from Him.**

Directions:

1. Thread the 20-inch ribbon through the hole on the edge of the plate and tie a knot large enough to prevent the ribbon from pulling back through the plate.
2. Tie a bead to the bottom of the 20-inch ribbon.
3. Draw a father's face on the round top of the clothespin.
4. Glue cotton to the father's head as hair and to the father's face as a beard.
5. Glue the back of the father to the middle of ribbon.
6. Bend half of a pipe cleaner around the father to create arms. Secure with tape or glue.
7. Put a robe on the father by sliding the pipe cleaner arms through small slits in the cloth.
8. Tie the 4-inch ribbon around father's robe to secure.
9. Spread pipe cleaner arms open as if ready to hug a son.

DISCUSSION: THE ANGRY BROTHER

Purpose: To read and discuss the older brother's role in the Parable of the Lost Son.

Supplies: Bible, open to Luke 15:25-32

At the end of the Parable of the Lost Son, we learn about the older son. Check it out in Luke 15:25-32. Read Luke 15:25-32. **How did the brother feel about the celebration?** (He was angry because he had never been given such a celebration.) **He knew his father gave his younger brother many gifts he did not deserve or earn. How do those undeserved gifts remind you of our gifts from God?** (We don't deserve or earn forgiveness or blessings—they are free gifts.) **Was the father wrong to forgive the younger son and have a big celebration?** (No.) **What would have been the right thing for the brother to say and do when he heard his lost brother was back?** (He should have been happy for his whole family, welcomed his brother, and enjoyed the celebration.)

GOT TIME? *continued...*

BONUS PARABLE: THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT

Purpose: To introduce and discuss another parable Jesus taught His followers.

Supplies: Bible, open to Matthew 18:21-35; The Unforgiving Servant Parable Stickers (available at ResourceWell.org)

Today's bonus parable is the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant. Camper or counselor reads Matthew 18:21-35. **A debt is something that is owed. Forgiving a debt is choosing to never collect on that debt. When the servant couldn't pay, what did the king do?** (He forgave the debt, the servant owed nothing.) **God's punishment for sin is death. We can't pay that punishment, so God sent Jesus to die in our place. What did it mean for believers when Jesus took our punishment for us?** (All who believe in Him are forgiven for all our sins.) **Just as we are forgiven, we should forgive others. Did the forgiven servant forgive the servant who owed him?** (No.) **What did the king do about that?** (He sent the unforgiving servant to prison.) **Is there someone who has wronged you or owes you something? If so, ask God to help you forgive as God has forgiven you. In the Lord's Prayer, what does Jesus teach us to pray about forgiveness?** ("Forgive us our debts/sins/trespasses as we forgive those who debt/sin/trespass against us.")



BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." "Jesus said, 'Go and bear fruit - fruit that will last - then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My Name.'" Galatians 5:22-23; John 15:16b

GAME: FRUIT CONCENTRATE

Purpose: Campers will match pairs of fruit of the Spirit listed in the Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: Orange paper, marker, Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse poster

Prepare: Cut 18 6-inch circles to resemble the shape of an (oversized) orange fruit. Print a fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control) on each of the orange circles. Create two identical sets. Display the Bible Memory Verse poster.

Directions:

1. Choose a camper to shuffle all 18 oranges, keeping the printed side down.
2. Choose another camper to lay all 18 oranges face down on the floor or a table.
3. Campers take turns turning over two oranges at a time to see if they can find a match.
4. When a correct match is made, the pair remains in the face-up position.
5. When an incorrect match is made, both are returned to the face-down position.
6. Continue making matches until all of the words are face-up.

Who can remember all nine fruits of the Spirit? (Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.) **The opposite of love is hate. What are the opposites of the other fruits of the Spirit?** (Campers respond.)

Name a fruit of the Spirit that others already see in your daily life. (Campers respond.) **Name a fruit of the Spirit that others rarely see in you.** (Campers respond.) **All who believe in Jesus have the Holy Spirit in their hearts. This week, ask God to help you show the fruit of the Spirit that others don't usually see in you.**

GOT TIME? *continued...*

GAME: FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT HOPSCOTCH

Purpose: Campers learn the Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse by repetition as they play hopscotch.

Supplies: One stone, bottle cap, or shell, one piece of chalk or floor tape, Unit 6 Bible Memory Verse poster, paint or markers

Prepare: Paint or color the stone, bottle cap, or shell to look like a fruit. Use chalk or floor tape to create a hopscotch pattern on the floor. Use 10 squares for your hopscotch pattern. Number the squares consecutively. Display the Bible Memory Verse poster. For large groups of campers, create additional hopscotch patterns and provide additional "fruit" to toss so groups can play simultaneously.

Counselor Clue: Assist younger campers by having all campers chant the words with each hop the camper takes. Assist in "fruit" toss as needed.

Directions:

1. Campers stand in a single-file line at the bottom of the hopscotch pattern.
2. The first camper tosses the "fruit" into square number 1.
3. The camper then hops through the hopscotch pattern, skipping the square with the fruit marker. With each hop in squares 2-10, the camper says one word of the first part of the Bible Memory Verse: **"The—fruit—of—the—Spirit—is—love—joy—peace..."**
Note: Single squares are hopped on one foot, either foot may be used. Both feet are used in side by side squares, one foot in each square.
4. After hopping into square number 10, the camper turns around and returns through the course saying the rest of the first part of the Bible Memory Verse in squares 9-2, again skipping the square with the fruit marker: **"...patience—kindness—goodness—faithfulness—gentleness—and—self—control."**
5. The next camper in line tosses the "fruit" into square number 2.
6. The camper then hops through the hopscotch pattern, skipping the square with the fruit marker. With each hop, the camper says one word of the second part of the Bible Memory Verse: **"Go—and—bear—fruit—fruit—that—will—last.—Then..."**
7. After hopping into square 10, the camper turns around and returns through the course saying the rest of the first part of the Bible Memory Verse again skipping the square with the fruit marker: **"...the—Father—will—give—you—whatever—you—ask—in—My Name."** Say "My Name" in the last square.
8. Repeat steps 2-7 each time, tossing the "fruit" into the next square in numerical order until everyone has had a turn. If there are more than nine campers in line, have the next camper return to tossing the "fruit" in square number 1.