

CAMP VENTURE

Hey Pals,

Have you ever wondered why you can't be perfect no matter how hard you try? It is because of sin. Sin is doing wrong in God's eyes—living life separated from Him. Have you ever felt like Paul did, knowing the good choice you want to make but making the choice to do wrong instead? Paul loved God and wanted to please Him, yet even when Paul knew what was right, he sometimes made the choice to do wrong instead.

In his letter to the Romans, Paul explains that everyone sins. Since we are not perfect, we can't earn our way to life forever with God. Jesus gave His life so all who believe in Him could be forgiven and live forever close with God.

In John's first letter, he tells us that for those who believe in Jesus, our sins are forgiven when we admit those sins to Him.

In Paul's letter to the Galatians, he explains that the Holy Spirit can help us in our struggle with sin. Remove the nine paper fruits from the mailbag. These fruit remind us of the perfect things of God that we want others to see through us. They also remind us of the wrong things we sometimes choose instead. As I name each fruit of the Spirit, let's think of a right choice that is an example of that fruit as well as a wrong choice that does not show that fruit to others. As we share our right and wrong choices, be careful to not judge one another, because in God's eyes, each one of us has sinned. As you name each fruit, have campers discuss their struggle between right and wrong choices associated with that fruit of the Spirit.

The good news is whenever we make a wrong choice, we can admit our sin to God and ask Him to forgive us. He will always forgive us! God fills us with the Holy Spirit who guides us to do things His way!

Believe and Be Fruitful!
Your Pen Pal

