



OCTOBER



Pear-fect questions to jump into the fruit bowl!

This year we are going to explore the fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5:22-23.) These are the amazing, God-given traits that grow in us through the Holy Spirit.

This month, we are going to learn more about love. It's one in a melon!

Bunch up for a grape question time with your family.

How does fruit grow?

What is a wonderful love story that you enjoy?

How do you know God loves you?

How do you like to show love to your friends and family?

Did you know that penguins love? Penguins choose a mate, and that is their mate for life. They love each other for as long as they live!

Enjoy our colouring page with Pedro Penguin who also shares our memory verse for this month.

"Love the Lord your God. Love him with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' The second most important command is this: 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.' These two commands are the most important commands." (Mark 12:30-31)

Here you can learn more about penguins.

Youtube video for kids: penguins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAJB-dKTAQM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGIAtxe3GAA>



God's Story

Jump into the story! Jesus shares a parable about a son who leaves home... the parable of the Prodigal Son. It is so full of love! Read this parable with your family. You can find it in Luke 15:11-32.

Let's look deeper at what is going on in this story...

I wonder... how we know the father loves the younger son when he returns home?

I wonder... if forgiveness and love work together?

I wonder... why the older son was upset?

I wonder... how we know that the older son is loved by his father?

I wonder... if you see any other fruit of the spirit you demonstrated in the story?

I wonder... what we learn about God in this story?

I wonder... if you ever feel like the older son? Do you ever feel like the younger son?

I wonder... what questions you would like to ask God about this story?



Imagining Story

Imagine yourself into the parable of the Prodigal Son. Which character would you be? The father? The older son? The younger son? What would you see and hear? What would you smell? What would you taste and touch? What would the story look like from the pigs point of view? How would the servants tell the story?

Make your own story! You could write it down, or create it in drawings. You could create it out of play dough or lego bricks. Be creative!

Story prompt:

I was so happy, on that sunny day, playing in the park. It was Pedro Penguin, Jesus and me, all there together. We climbed the equipment and ran on the grass. It was a perfect day!

Quietly, we could hear someone crying. We knew we had to find that person. We looked behind the climber and all around the sandbox. Finally, under the slide, we found a friend whose face was full of tears. Pedro, Jesus and I decided to...

Prayer time... the cherry on top!

God thank you for loving me. I praise you because...

Thank you that your love is so big that it includes forgiveness. Please forgive me for...

Help me share your love with...

Thank you that I see your love at work in these places...

God, help me love you with my whole heart, mind and strength...

God help me love my neighbour like I love myself...