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Daily Reading Questions

Note: The questions were written from the wording in the NIV 1984. If you are using a different Bible translation, they may have to be adapted.

Digging Deeper: What does fruit reveal?

Reading 1: Matthew 12:33-37 A tree is recognized by its fruit.

What does it mean that a tree is recognized by its fruit? What does a good man produce? Why? What does a bad man produce? Why? What do verses 36-37 mean?

Reading 2: Matthew 7:15-23 A bad tree bears bad fruit.

What is a false prophet? How do you recognize a false prophet? What does that mean? What is evidence of good fruit?

Reading 3: John 15:1-8

Bearing fruit is evidence of connection to the vine.

What does God do to the branch that doesn't bear fruit? What does that mean he does? How does a branch bear fruit? What does it mean that Jesus is the vine and we are the branches? Why is that important to remember?

Reading 4: Galatians 5:16-26

Living by the Spirit produces the fruit of the Spirit

What does it mean to live by the Spirit? What are the acts of the sinful nature? What is the fruit of the Spirit? How do we produce the fruit of the Spirit?

Reading 5: Proverbs 1:22-33

People who reject God produce bad fruit.

What happens to the person who doesn't listen to God? What happens to the person who listens to God?

Reading 6: 1 Peter 1:22-25 Flower Examination

Read about how a flower produces a seed in an encyclopedia or on the internet. Pict a flower, take it apart, identify and examine its parts, and reflect on its design.



UPPER ELEMENTARY-ADULT

LEVEL 4

HOME JOURNAL

LESSON 9



THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTION

What does the fruit of a tree reveal?

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 12:33

Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit.

Parent Notes

- **Daily Reading:** Depending on the age and ability of your child, or parent preference, he/she may do the work in this journal independently or complete it with the parent. After reading the day's Bible passage, the student should identify an important truth that relates to that reading and answer the question why he/she needs to know that truth. It would be beneficial if the parent and student also read through and answer the questions about the day's reading from the **Daily Reading Questions** at the back of the booklet. Personal ideas and additional questions from the parent can also be included.
- **Lesson Verse:** The lesson verse which answers the week's big question should be practiced daily. One way to do this is to black out words in the verse each day and say the verse inserting the correct word. By the end of the week the whole verse would be blacked out and recited by memory.
- **Concluding Lesson:** To develop deeper understanding and a comprehensive biblical worldview, the parent should talk through with the student the **Thinking It Through** questions at the back of the booklet and then have the student write out the answers.
- **Completion:** If the student brings this booklet back to the teacher on Sunday, with each day's work completed and the lesson verse memorized, the student will receive acknowledgement of a job well done.
- **Way to go, parents!** Your faithfulness in teaching your children the deed and statutes of the Lord isn't always easy, but it honors God and will have an eternal impact. Keep up the good work! Remember Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

Concluding Lesson—Thinking It Through

Discuss these questions with a parent then write out your answers below.

- What is an important truth you learned from the Bible readings this week?
- How should that truth be lived out in your life?
- What would be the result of your living out that truth?
- What is a lie or deception people believe in terms of that truth?
- Why does that lie or deception appeal to people?
- What would be the result of believing and following that lie or deception?

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What is an important truth from the passage?

Why do you need to know that truth?

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What does the fruit of a tree reveal?

Fruit shows whether a tree is good or bad.

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DIGGING DEEPER

This week in your daily Bible readings you will be digging deeper. This week's lesson talked about how a tree is recognized by its fruit. The readings this week will give insight into what fruit reveals about a person. Our fruit is the things we say and do and show other people what is real about us. The question to consider while reading each passage this week is: What does fruit reveal?

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