



JOY WEEK 1



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FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

FOCUS

JOSHUA 2:12, PSALM 8:2, LUKE 6:45, JOHN 16:33,
GALATIANS 5:22-23, PHILIPPIANS 4:5, TITUS 2:5,
HEBREWS 6:12, JAMES 2:14 & 1 JOHN 4:18

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
forbearance, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control!

MATERIALS

Fruit of the Spirit picture
Fruit Basket (1 per child)
Fruit of the Spirit fruit (1 set per child)
Something high/low or a large ball
Warrior makeup (stick of black makeup/football face paint)
4-6 pieces of large cardboard and tape
String and paperclip/clothespin (1 per child)
Obstacle course
Heart bag/cup and apples/something similar (1 set per child)
Series of tasks (jump rope, hula hoop, etc.)
Washcloth/baby wipe (1 per child)
Crayons, scissors, markers and glue

ACTIVITIES

1. INTRODUCTION

TALK: Ask the children if they know about the fruit of the Spirit!

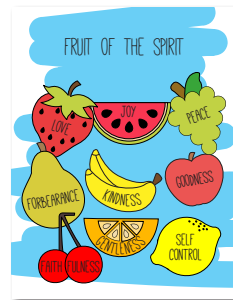
ACTIVITY: Show the children the Fruit of the Spirit picture and hang nearby for them to see.

2. 9 FRUITS

TALK: There are 9 fruits of the spirit; love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

ACTIVITY: Have the children color and assemble their fruit basket.

CORRESPONDING VERSE



BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, FORBEARANCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL.

GALATIANS 5:22-23

ACTIVITIES

3. LOVE

TALK: God's love is perfect! It is so amazing that it drives out fear!

ACTIVITY: Have each child walk or stand on something high or stand on a large ball while holding their parent's hand. When they are done have their parent give them a big hug and say good job! Give each child the Love strawberry to color and put it in their basket.



CORRESPONDING VERSE

THERE IS NO FEAR IN LOVE, BUT PERFECT LOVE DRIVES OUT FEAR, BECAUSE FEAR HAS TO DO WITH PUNISHMENT. THE ONE WHO FEARS IS NOT MADE PERFECT IN LOVE.

1 JOHN 4:18

4. JOY

TALK: When children and infants praise God, it silences the enemy and puts a stronghold against them!

ACTIVITY: Have the children put on warrior makeup and give them cardboard and tape to make a fort. Encourage them to sing as they work. Afterwards, give each child the Joy watermelon to color and put it in their basket.



THROUGH THE PRAISE OF CHILDREN AND INFANTS YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED A STRONGHOLD AGAINST YOUR ENEMIES, TO SILENCE THE FOE AND THE AVENGER.

PSALM 8:2

5. PEACE

TALK: Sometimes things happen that try to steal our peace, but Jesus said He wants us to have peace! We can have peace through him, because He already overcame the world!

ACTIVITY: Place the Peace grapes on a string for the children to try to jump up and grab. When they cannot grab it, tell them to ask Jesus for help and gently lower it for them to grab. Then have them color the Peace grapes and put them in their basket.



"I HAVE TOLD YOU THESE THINGS, SO THAT IN ME YOU MAY HAVE PEACE. IN THIS WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TROUBLE. BUT TAKE HEART! I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD."

JOHN 16:33

6. FORBEARANCE

TALK: Forbearance, or patience, is a key to faith! We are to be patient for God's promises. We should continue to obey His word and not become lazy.

ACTIVITY: Have the children go through a timed obstacle course. They will need to move for a certain amount of time and wait for a certain amount of time. Then have them color the Forbearance pear and put it in their basket.



WE DO NOT WANT YOU TO BECOME LAZY, BUT TO IMITATE THOSE WHO THROUGH FAITH AND PATIENCE INHERIT WHAT HAS BEEN PROMISED.

HEBREWS 6:12

ACTIVITIES

7. KINDNESS

TALK: We are to have kindness in our hearts so we can be kind to others!

ACTIVITY: Have each child decorate a Kindness banana and give it to each other, until everyone has one and put it in their basket.



CORRESPONDING VERSE

"NOW THEN, PLEASE SWEAR TO ME BY THE LORD THAT YOU WILL SHOW KINDNESS TO MY FAMILY, BECAUSE I HAVE SHOWN KINDNESS TO YOU."

JOSHUA 2:12

8. GOODNESS

TALK: If we have good things stored in our hearts, we bring out good things!

ACTIVITY: Have the children fill their heart bag/cup with as many apples as they can. Then have them color the Goodness apple and put it in their basket.



A GOOD MAN BRINGS GOOD THINGS OUT OF THE GOOD STORED UP IN HIS HEART, AND AN EVIL MAN BRINGS EVIL THINGS OUT OF THE EVIL STORED UP IN HIS HEART.

LUKE 6:45

9. FAITHFULNESS

TALK: We cannot just say that we have faith, we have to show people we have faith!

ACTIVITY: Give each child a series of tasks they can choose to perform. Have them say what they will do, then help them to do it. Then have them color the Faithfulness cherries and put them in their basket.



WHAT GOOD IS IT, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, IF SOMEONE CLAIMS TO HAVE FAITH BUT HAS NO DEEDS? CAN SUCH FAITH SAVE THEM?

JAMES 2:14

10. GENTLENESS

TALK: We are supposed to show each other that we are gentle!

ACTIVITY: Give each child a dry washcloth or baby wipe to gently wipe each others hands with. Then have them color the Gentleness orange and put it in their basket.



LET YOUR GENTLENESS BE EVIDENT TO ALL.

PHILIPPIANS 4:5

11. SELF-CONTROL

TALK: We are suppose to have self control!

ACTIVITY: Have the children play red light green light. Then have them color the Self Control lemon and put it in their basket.



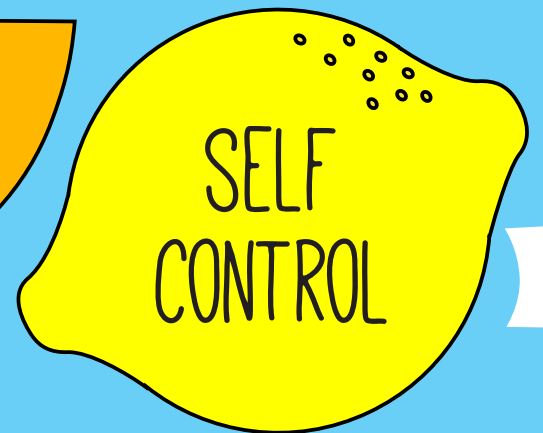
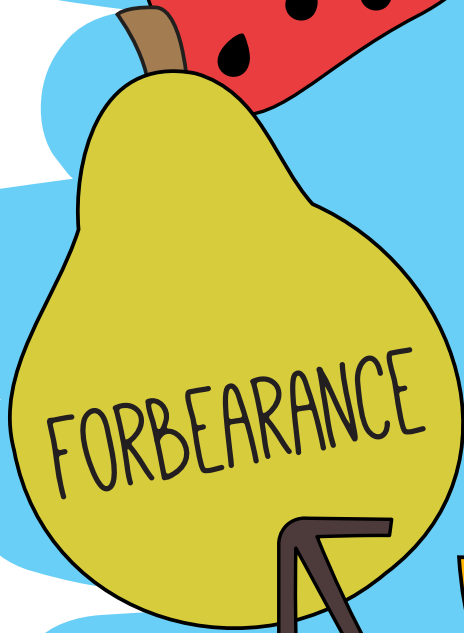
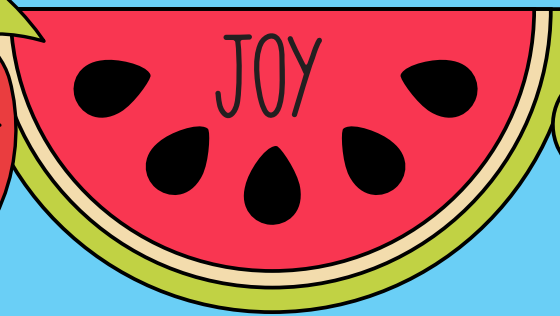
BE SELF-CONTROLLED AND PURE
TITUS 2:5

OPTIONAL: Hand out each child a bible verse to take home.

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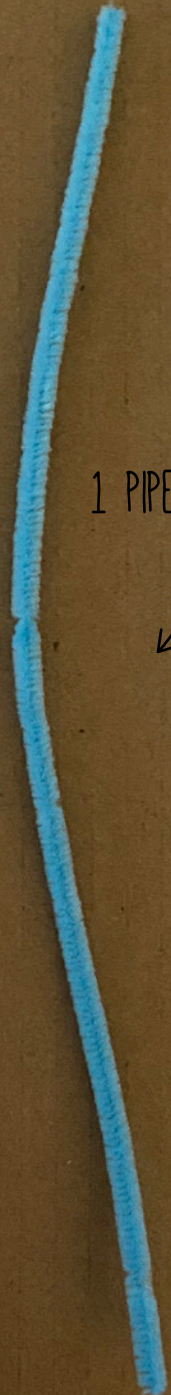
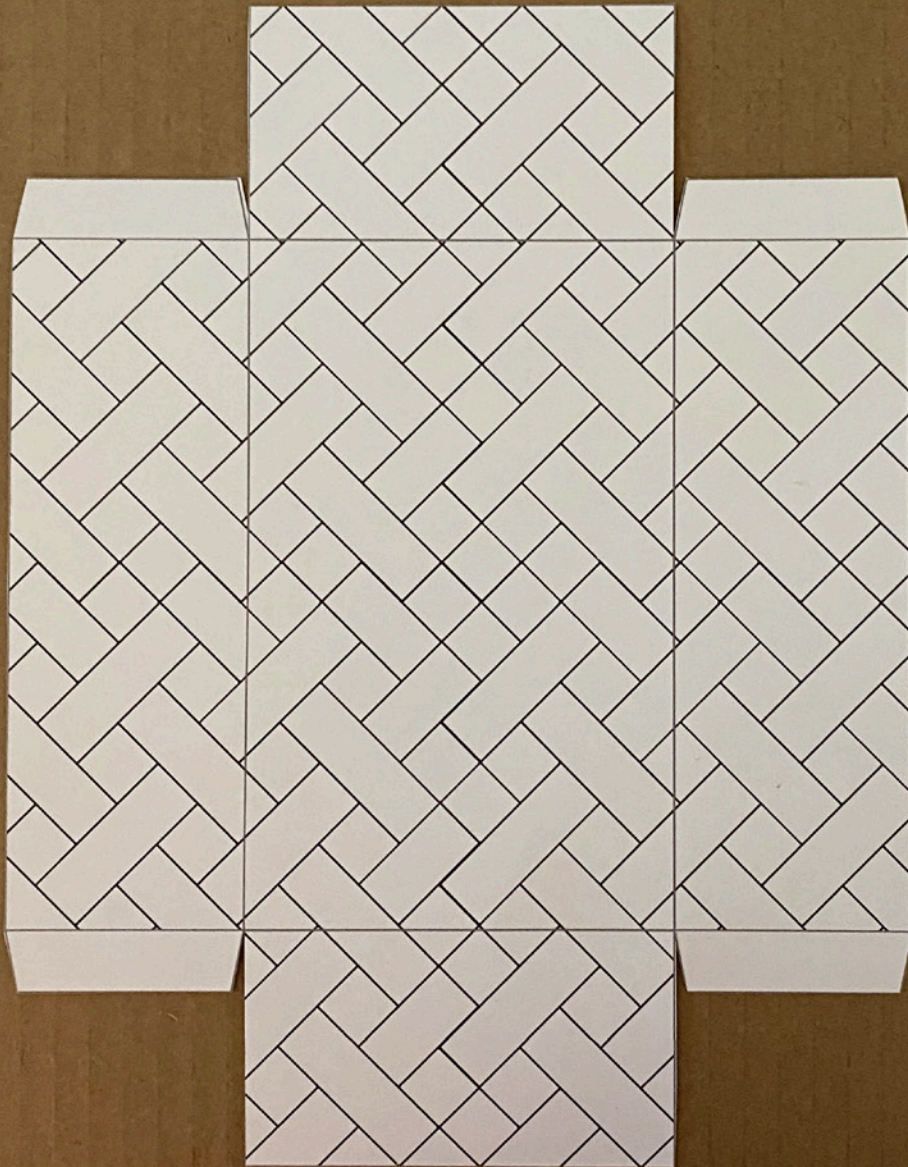
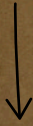
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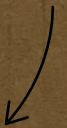


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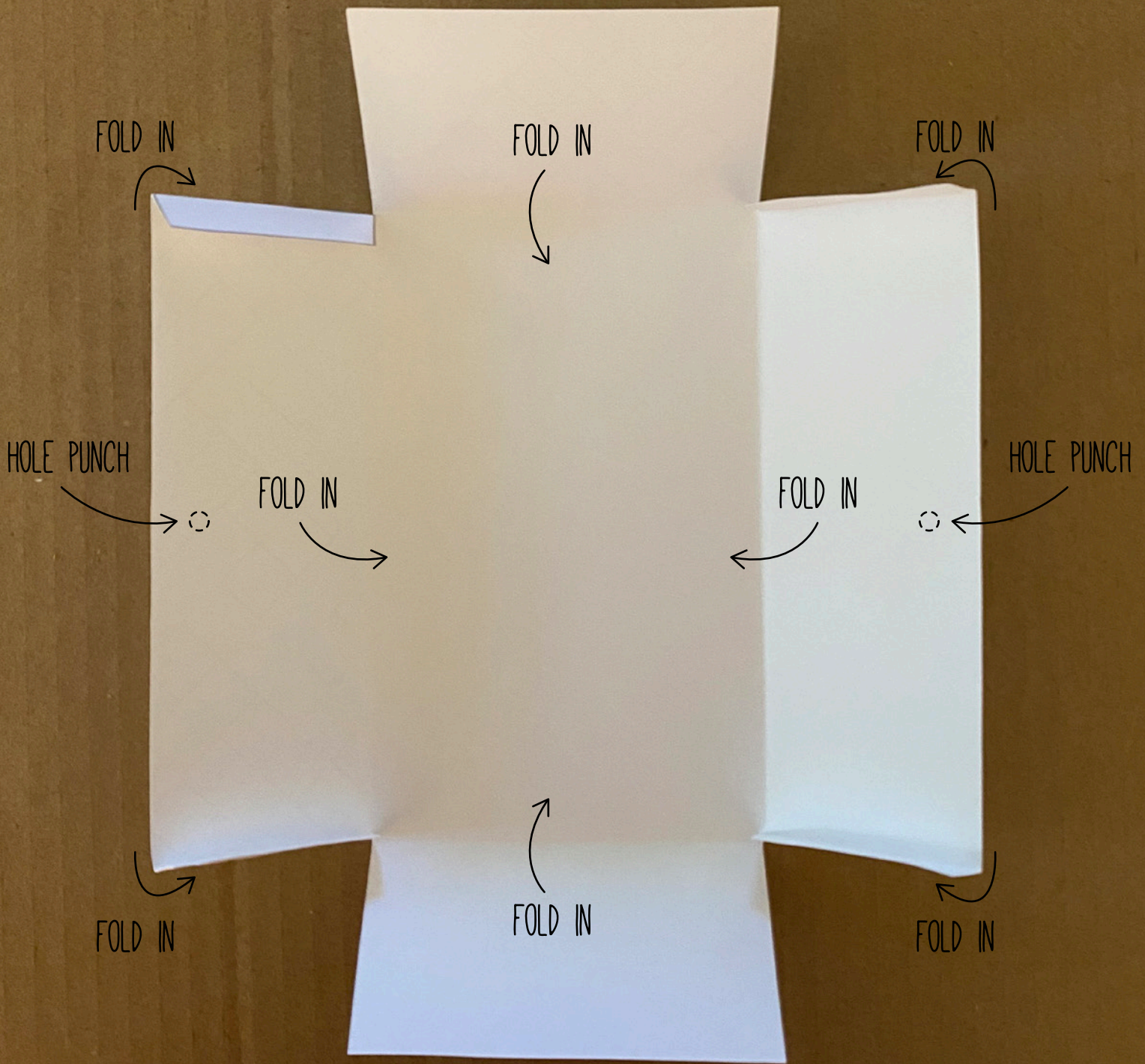
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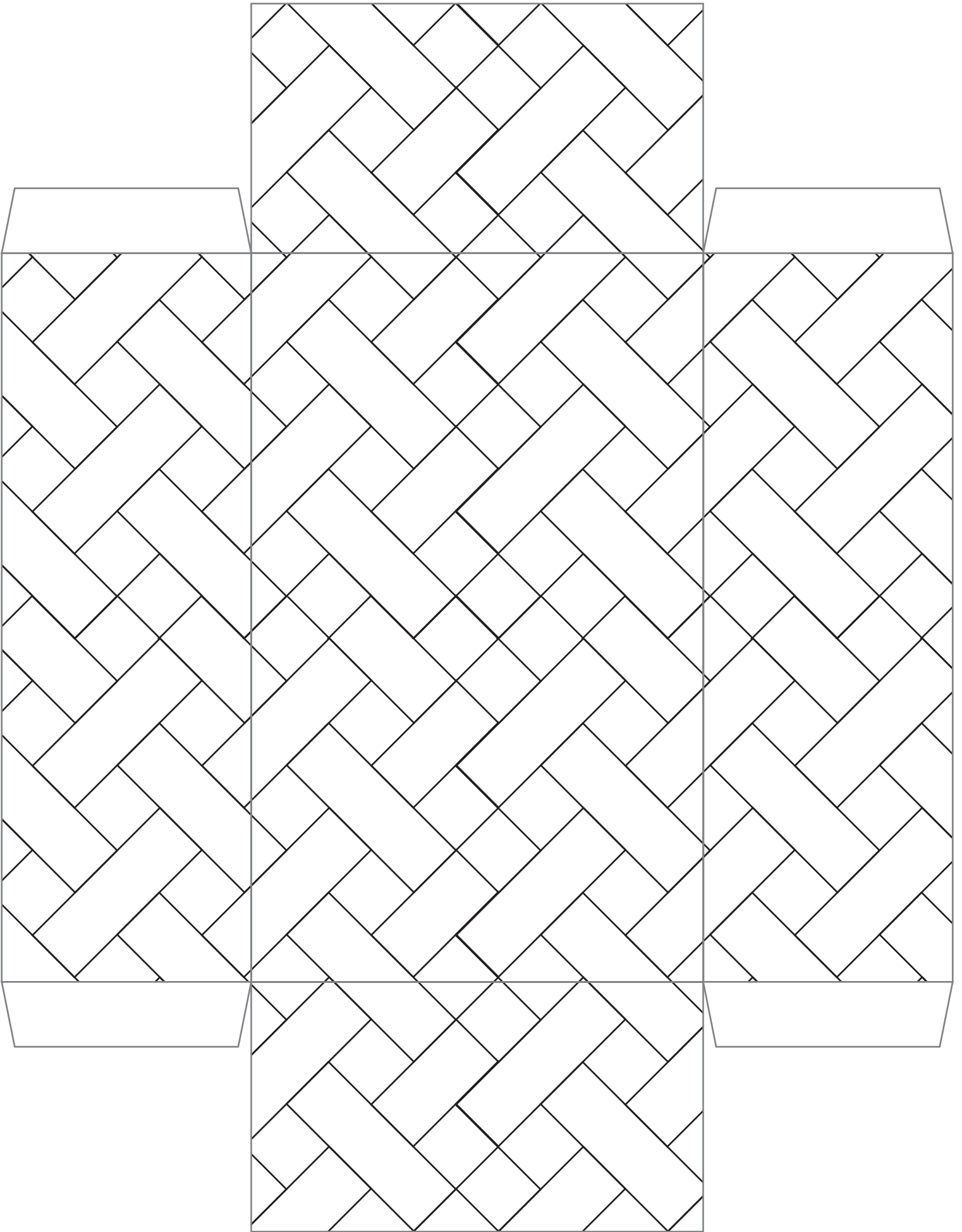


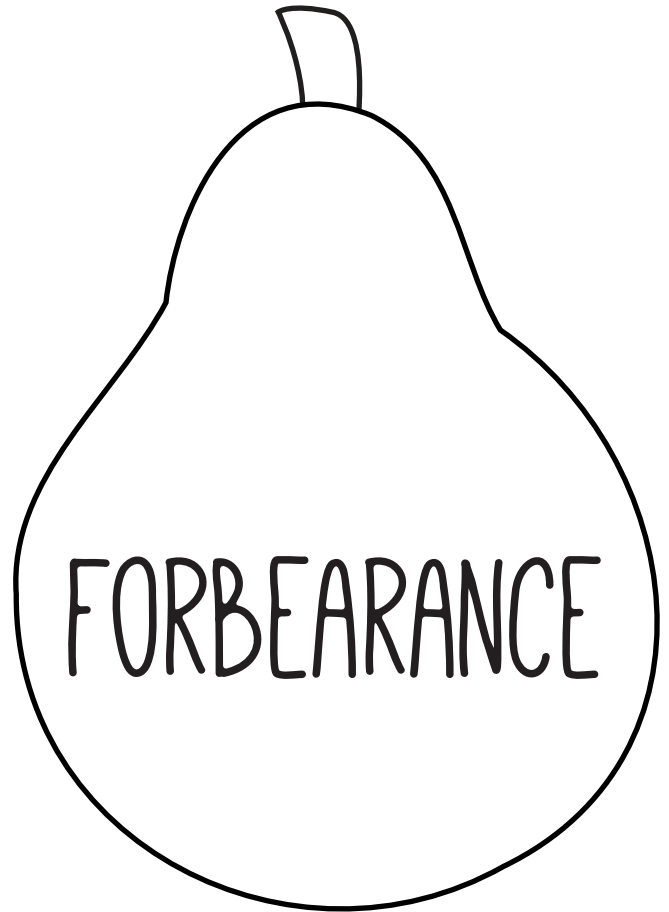
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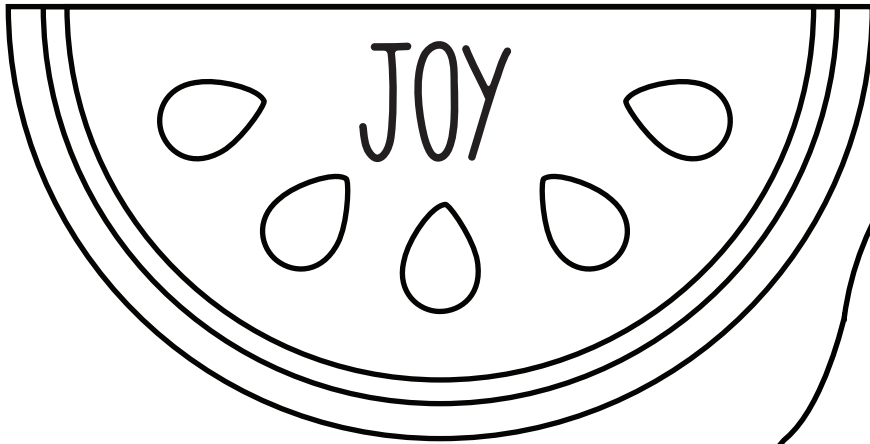


BASKET









LOVE/NO FEAR

I gave the children the option of standing on the large or medium sized ball. If that was too high for them, they could stand on the small beam behind the balls. Their parent's helped them to stand on the ball and encouraged them while they did.



PEACE/GRAPE VINE

Using clothespins, I connected the grape to a piece of string, then to a larger piece of string. All the grapes dangled from the main piece of string which we held up high, out of the children's reach, then down low so they could grab one.



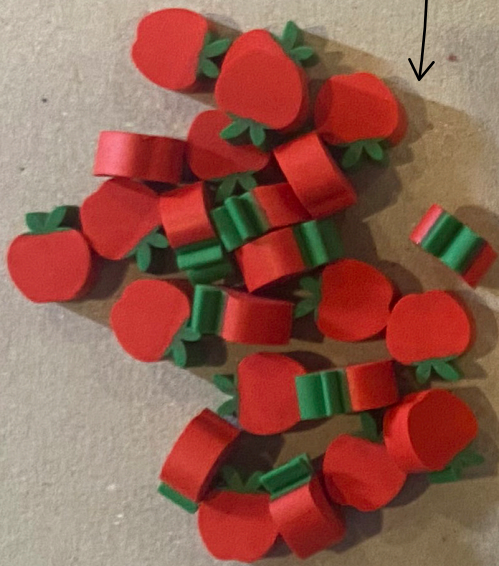
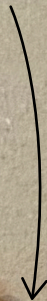
FORBEARANCE/OBSTACLE COURSE

I put together a series of tubes and shapes for the children to go through. I had them stop at each large tube shape and each red piece for 5 seconds before continuing.

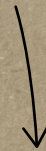


HEART CUP

SMALL APPLES



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