

# SHEPHERDS OF LOVE MINISTRIES LOVES KIDS!



Dear Friend,

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We have all heard the term "out of the mouth of babes", right? Children have this sweet innocence, in combination of unfiltered words that can be very poignant. My son learned about the "Fruits of the Spirit" this year in first grade. His teacher taught him that these are the qualities that God want us to have as Christians. After I read his words and looked at his drawings, I realized that we don't have to come up with elaborate rules, and have superior intelligence, to try and live our lives and act in such a way in order to make such a difference in other people's lives. I heard the Fruits of the Spirit so much growing up, that as I got older, I somehow didn't grasp on to them again with enthusiasm like I used to. I thought, yeah yeah, I know these already. I got a glimpse of hearing them again for the first time, through my 7 year old son's vision. What a lovely reminder! And I feel that if we all did this, we would see how many people's lives could be changed. So, here they are, the Fruits of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23 as seen in the mind of a child:

**LOVE:** Love is God sending His Son. Love is helping my friends. Love is hugging my parents.

**JOY:** Joy is something God gives us. Joy is running in the park. Joy is snuggling with my mom and watching movies with my dad.

**PEACE:** Peace is dear time. Peace is quiet time. Peace is visiting with my friends.

**PATIENCE:** Patience is waiting for the answer to prayers. Patience is waiting your turn and waiting in line calmly.

**KINDNESS:** Kindness is sharing your toys. Kindness is **helping friends**. Kindness is taking care of the sick.

**GOODNESS:** Goodness is the beautiful sunrise. Goodness is our parents. Goodness is God's love and God coming to earth.

**FAITHFULNESS:** Faithfulness is walking in Jesus' footprints. Faithfulness is the Ten Commandments.

**GENTLENESS:** Gentleness is blowing bubbles. Gentleness is snuggling with my stuffed animals.

**SELF-CONTROL:** Self-control is waiting to eat dinner before praying. Self-control is waiting in line for ice cream.

**"But the Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control. Against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23**

I asked **Carsten** what God means to him a couple of days ago. He responded, "About that, mom. I've really been wondering how God got here. I mean, I know he was here before he made us. He must've come through a portal or something from other parts of the universe just to make earth and people. And that's so awesome because He came a long ways to make us all special."

A friend of Shepherd of Love Ministries, Alicia Clark wrote a note recently about her 3 year old son **Elias**. Alicia conveyed how she was writing out their giving checks, and Elias asked what she was doing. Taking advantage of a teachable moment, she told him that they were giving money to Shepherds of Love who helps people know that Jesus loves them, and also helps if they need food or electricity. Elias glanced at the picture on the envelope and said, "Or food for their sheep".

Thank you for providing "food" for God's sheep through your donations. You are touching the lives from the elderly to the youngest, and yes, everyone deserves to be treated like they're special.

# SCHOOL SUPPLIES AUGUST CHILDREN IN NEED

In honor of hard working parents and Grandparents raising kids we ask that you prayerfully consider your donation to provide Wal Mart Gift cards for School Supplies. Most families will feel the financial burden of how to buy necessary supplies and pay other bills.

Remember every family who calls this ministry looking for utility assistance is trying to find a way to purchase these supplies for their children. This affects hundreds of kids and we do not want any to attend the first day without their special bag of supplies.



**Lamb 12015** - Donate and we will purchase Wal Mart Gift Cards requesting a copy of the receipt as proof of purchase. This guarantees the money was used for the kids. They may also use it for Uniforms which are also at Wal Mart.

**Lamb 22015** - Donate for Utilities to assist parents. Remember it is the kids who suffer the most when the utilities are off.

**Lamb 2015** - Shepherds of Love ministry expenses. Note on the memo line: Where Needed

## The Shepherds News

**Thank You** to our donor who requests to remain anonymous for writing our awesome July Newsletter. God truly blessed the personal story of why she supports this ministry. Donations were the highest we have ever received in the 15 years of ministry during the month of June.

If you would enjoy submitting your comments about SOLM we would love to hear from you and appreciate you taking a few moments to write.

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