



*Kingdom people produce*  
**KINGDOM FRUIT**

*"The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people producing its fruits" (Matthew 21:43).*

## 2020 LWML SUNDAY Children's Message

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Suggested objects needed for demonstration:  
Several apples and oranges, a children's Mite Box  
(or several, if distributed to each child)

Today, I brought several apples and oranges. Does anybody know how we get apples and oranges? Do we simply walk outside and said, "God, I want an apple," and one falls down from the sky into our hands? No, of course, not.

I got these at the grocery store. But before that, these apples and oranges were grown on trees. These I have in my hands were grown on trees in *(location identified by the fruit tags)*.

So, knowing that these were grown on trees in the state or country of \_\_\_\_\_, how do you think the trees got to those locations? Were the trees floating around in the air so somebody could grab it and plant it? No, of course, this did not happen that way.

So, what happened? Somebody planted a seed in the ground from which the fruit tree would grow. Then, he or she nurtured the tree, making sure it had all it needed, so it would grow strong and healthy. Then, in time, it began to produce fruit.

Did you know that God has chosen you to produce fruit? The kind of fruit He wants you to produce is a very special kind of fruit, called "kingdom fruit." In fact, each of us is a piece of kingdom fruit. When we were baptized, God planted the seed of faith in us, washing away our sins and making us people of His kingdom. Further, that seed of faith continues to get watered by His Word and nurtured in us by the Holy Spirit so we learn to live our lives as His kingdom people, repenting of our sins, doing the good works God gives us to do, and telling others about Jesus.

Then, kingdom fruit is produced as we spread the Good News of Jesus and God plants the seeds of faith in others so they, too, can believe and be baptized in Jesus. The Holy Spirit nurtures them in God's Word so they can grow to produce kingdom fruit, too. In this way, over and over again, kingdom fruit is produced. In this important process, by living your life for Jesus and making Him known to others, you are a special worker in the production of kingdom fruit.

In today's worship service, we are also highlighting some other special workers in God's kingdom, these are the members of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. This special group of women does kingdom work in our church and community through their sharing of Jesus in special ways. *(Highlight some of the local efforts of the group in your congregation).* They also support other workers by collecting money in these small boxes, called Mite Boxes. This money provides for mission grants to support ministries around the world, who share the Good News of Jesus so more kingdom fruit can be produced. We are thankful for their work. *(A Mite Box may be given to each child, as deemed appropriate in the local setting.)*

As we close, let's pray and give thanks to God for making us His kingdom workers.

Dear Lord, thank You for making me a child of Your kingdom in Baptism. Help me to be a kingdom worker as I live my life for You. In Jesus' name. Amen.