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TANT -The Amplified New Translation
TLB -The Living Bible
CEV -Contemporary English Version
NASB -New American Standard Bible
ISV -International Standard Version
NIV -New International Version
MSG -The Message Translation

WEB -The World English Bible
TNLT -The New Living Translation
ASV -American Standard Version
TEV -Today's English Version
RSV -Revised Standard Version
GNB -Good News Bible
WNT -Weymouth New Testament
NRSV -New Revised Standard Version
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# **INTRODUCTION**

The first fruits offering is a way of demonstrating the principle of putting God first in all things. It shows the act of loving the Lord with all your heart, soul, and mind.

The first fruits simply refers to the initial or the first harvest of one's labour and does not necessarily refer to agricultural produce, but whatsoever benefits come to us from our labour or service rendered and even gifts received in cash and kind.



#### **OVERVIEW**

THEME	THE FIRST FRUIT OFFERING												
S/N	TOPIC	OBJECTIVE	BIBLE STORY	SCRIPTURE REFERENCE	MEMORY VERSE								
Lesson	First Fruits Offering	The children will learn that the First Fruits offering simply refers to the initial/first harvest of one's labour and whatsoever benefit that comes to them.	Genesis 4:3- 5; Proverbs 3:9-10	Proverbs 3: 9-10; Exodus 22: 29	Proverbs 3:9 (NIV)								

# **Spark Interest!**

#### First Fruits Offering:

"... And to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the LORD"- **Nehemiah 10:35 KJV** 

This idea of the first fruits offering which started as a specific instruction for bringing crops to the house of God, no longer refers to literal fruit. First fruits mean any income, blessings that a Christian receives first in the year or any increase that comes as first of its kind.

**Teacher Say:** Welcome children! Hope you had a great week. Today we are looking at a very vital requirement God expects of us. Does anyone know what is happening in the big Church next Sunday aside the Global Communion Service with our man of God? (Allow time for at least two kids to respond). Yes, it is the First Fruit Service.

What is First Fruits Offering? Can anyone tell me what First Fruits means? (Allow time for at least a kid to respond).

Why is it important for Christians to give the first fruits offering? Should a child give the first fruits? Emphatically 'Yes'. Let's get on the scripture.

To The Scriptures: Genesis 4:2b - 4; Proverbs 3:9 -10 (NIV)

[Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. And Abel also brought an offering-fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So, Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.]

[Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.]



There are different kinds of giving. The First Fruits is the first to be introduced to us in the Bible. It is important to give the first fruits because God demands we bring it to Him. There's an abundant blessing that comes to you when you give your first fruit. Remember, when God asks you to do something, it's for your benefit. You do not

remove anything from it, you are to give all of it.

The First Fruits existed before the law (the Old Covenant). Abel brought to God the firstlings of his flock and of the fat portions and the Bible says God had respect and regard for Abel and his offering. Abel gave by faith. If he did it by faith, he must have heard it taught, because the Bible Says, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word – Abel acted on the message he received but Cain did not act on the Word.

You might say I am just a child and I do not have a job like Abel, nor do I have a farm like Cain, so how do I give my first fruits? The answer is simple. Do you receive gifts in cash and kind from your friends, parents, aunties, and uncles? If yes, you sure can give your first fruits. The first money or gift item you receive in the year is your first increase and therefore your first fruits. God lays claim on the first fruits. He said it is mine.

God being righteous in all His ways didn't just ask us to give our first fruits. He also demonstrated the power of the first fruits when He gave His first begotten Son for the sins of the world [John 3:16; John 1:34]

Don't postpone giving of your First Fruits. [Exodus 22: 29] It must be brought in with an attitude of thanksgiving; for God loves a cheerful and prompt to do it giver, whose heart is in his giving.

Giving unto God is one thing you must learn to do as a child of God. By giving your first fruits, you secure and sanctify the rest of your fruits (Romans 11: 16). By our giving of First Fruits, we are invariably celebrating the harvest which we would experience throughout the year. It is an act of faith. Therefore, bring in your First Fruits with joy and thanksgiving; Give it celebrating and have an expectation when you have acted on the Word of God. Givers are very special to the Lord, and they rule the world. You can never be less than what you give, for the more you give, the more you receive. Hallelujah!

#### **Action:**

- > When you get home tell your parents or guardian what you learnt about the first fruits today.
- Bring your first fruits to Church next Sunday.

#### **Memory Verse: Proverbs 3:9 (NIV)**

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits."

#### **Prayer:**

Dear Father, I give my first fruits by my faith in your Word. As I do, I enjoy all that you've made available to me this year in Christ, in Jesus' Name. Amen!



- 1. What is First Fruits Offering?
- 2. Where did it originate from?
- 3. Who gave the first fruits that God did not look with favour?
- 4. is the first to be introduced to us in the Bible.
- 5. "God had respect and regard for Abel and his offering" TRUE/ FALSE



Teacher, please lead the children to make the confessions below and encourage them to keep at it during the week

- I affirm that I am God's first fruits!
- I affirm that I am a doer of God's word! I have all the resources I require. Hallelujah!
- I have the heart of giving! I am a cheerful giver!

# ACTIVITY



Lesson

# First Fruits Offering

# Activity Time

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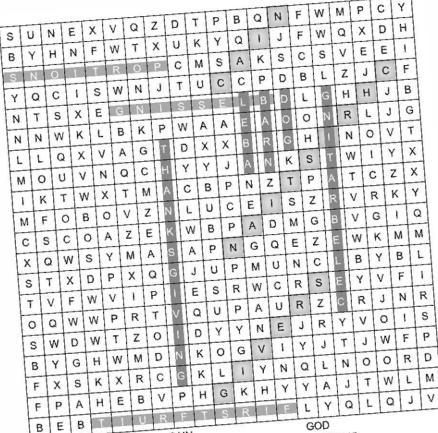
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# First Fruits Offering

### **Proverbs 3:9 (NIV)**

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits."



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