

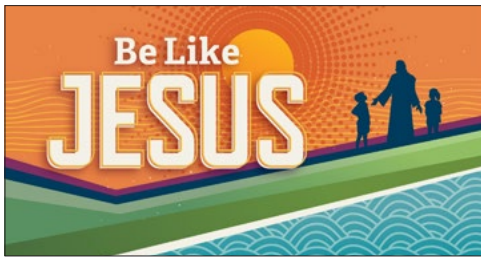
## In God's Big Story

Paul writes about the qualities, or spiritual fruit, that develop in us as we follow Jesus and are filled with the Holy Spirit. As the fruit of the Spirit grow in us, we become more like Jesus!

**Wonder Truth:** God Helps Us Be Like Jesus

**Scripture:** Galatians 5

### WATCH GOD'S BIG STORY



#### FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

[ELEMENTARY VIDEO](#)

[EARLY CHILDHOOD VIDEO](#)

### WORD OF WONDER

Work together this week on memorizing this verse! Use our [motions video](#) or this [video](#) to help you!

#### ELEMENTARY:

But the fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself.

— Galatians 5:22–23a (NIRV)

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD:

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

—Galatians 5:22–23a (ISV)

### WONDER ABOUT IT!

- What's one thing you're learning about God and the wonder of His big story?
- How do you see God's story as part of your own story?

### WORSHIP@HOME

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## FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

- The Holy Spirit is God's loving presence who is with all Jesus-followers! What are some ways we can follow the Holy Spirit in our everyday lives?
- Think back to last year. In what ways are you more like Jesus now than you were then?
- How can reading the Bible help us become more like Jesus?
- Read Galatians 5:22–23a together. Name one fruit of the Spirit that you want God to help produce more of in your life.



## HANDS ON

### Connect That Fruit!

Gather whatever fruit you have at home—grapes, blueberries, apples, clementines, etc. You'll also need toothpicks. Wash your hands and the fruit. Then work together or separately to build structures out of the fruit, using toothpicks to connect them. (You may need to cut some of the larger fruit into pieces.) If making the structures separately, you could have a competition to see whose is the tallest or strongest. Be creative with your fruit engineering! Sturdy fruits like apple pieces or grapes will do better as a fruit foundation than softer fruits like berries or citrus. You may have to build flat against the table with softer fruits, making shapes and designs horizontally rather than vertically.

When the fruit structures are complete, say: **These fruit pieces aren't very strong when they're by themselves, but when put together with toothpicks, the pieces become stronger and taller. When we follow Jesus, He gives us His Spirit to live in us. The Holy Spirit helps us become strong and grows the fruit of the Spirit in us as we become more like Jesus.** Now enjoy eating your tasty fruit structures!



## LIFE CONNECTION

### Fruit in Your Family

Gather fruit readily available in your home that has a skin on the outside of it (such as a banana, apple, pear, or orange) along with a pen or permanent marker. Have your family sit around a table with the fruit and writing utensils. (Don't have fruit? Draw pieces of fruit on blank paper.)

Read Galatians 5:22–23a together. Take turns going around the table, inviting each family member to share what spiritual fruit they see in one another. As family members share, each should take a turn writing the spiritual fruit mentioned on an actual piece of fruit and give it to the person they're talking about as a visual representation of a spiritual truth. If the fruit has a thick skin like an orange or banana, feel free to peel it and enjoy the fruit! As you taste the sweet flavor of this fruit, thank God for the sweet qualities He's developing in each of you.