




# FAMILY MINISTRIES: MAY

THE TABLE: A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

## The Fruit of The Spirit

 This month we begin our new curriculum for the Kids' Table, a study of the fruits of the Spirit. Each month we will study one specific fruit beginning with an overview through the story of Saul's conversion.

When Saul met Christ, his entire life was changed. The Holy Spirit entered his heart, transforming his thoughts, attitude, and actions. In Galatians, Paul compared the way God's Spirit works in our lives to the way fruit grows. The fruit of the Spirit begins to grow when we believe that Jesus is God's Son and ask for forgiveness, entering into God's family. Loving God and learning to love God more allows the fruit to continue growing.

As you minister to your children this month, talk with them about your love for God and how the fruits of the Spirit are growing in your life. Ask them about their own lives and their love for God. Be open and honest with them about where you might struggle and point out to them where you see the fruit of the Spirit growing in their lives.

Talk with your child about the Bible Story this month: Acts 9:1-31

### LEARN SCRIPTURE WITH YOUR CHILD:

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

### OBSERVATION QUESTIONS:

- ♥ What happened in the story?
- ♥ What was Saul doing in the beginning of the story?
- ♥ Who spoke to Saul on his journey?
- ♥ Who came to help Saul in Damascus?



### INTERPRETATION QUESTIONS:

- ♥ What would you have done if you were Ananias?
- ♥ Do you think it was easy for Saul after his conversion—who or why not?
- ♥ Describe Saul before his trip to Damascus. What was his life after? What changed him? (Acts 13-15, 30)



### APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

- ♥ What fruits are most natural?
- ♥ Which ones do you struggle with?
- ♥ If the key to having healthy fruit is focusing on the Spirit, what are some things you can do to be more focused on Jesus?



### PRAY WITH YOUR CHILD:

- ♥ Thank God for the Holy Spirit.
- ♥ Thank God that He can change our lives.
- ♥ Ask Him to help you grow in the Holy Spirit.
- ♥ If your child has not received Christ, give them the opportunity.



## HOME IDEAS



✿ Plant a flower or vegetable plant. Talk with your child about the growing process and the end product. Bring that discussion around to talk about the fruit of the spirit growing in their lives.

✿ Growing the fruit of the Spirit in our lives begins with love for God. What are some ways that you can show God that you love Him?

✿ Farmer's Markets are opening for the season. Take your child to one and find some delicious food. Use your time together to talk about the fruit of the Spirit too.

✿ Curl up and read a good book together. Some suggestions include:

- Nine Fruits Alive by Mindy MacDonald
- Bernstein Bears Say Their Prayers or
- God Loves You Trail Blazer Series (for elementary kids)
- Mandie Series (for elementary kids)

✿ Read and talk about John 15, Acts 13-15, 30 (more about Paul's story)

✿ Make a card for Jesus telling Him how much you love Him, or why you love Him.

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## SONGS TO SING

As you sing with your child, talk about how drawing close to Jesus helps us to grow in His image, allowing the fruits of the spirit to grow in us.



### Draw Me Close To You

#### Verse 1

Draw me close to You  
Never let me go  
I lay it all down again  
To hear you say  
That I'm your friend

#### Verse 2

You are my desire  
No one else will do  
'Cause nothing else  
Could take Your place  
To feel the warmth  
Of your embrace  
Help me find the way  
Bring me back to You

#### Chorus

You're all I want  
You're all I've ever needed  
You're all I want  
Help me know you are near

### I'm So Happy

#### Chorus

And I'm so happy so very happy  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart  
And I'm so happy so very happy  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart

#### Verse 1

I've got the joy joy joy joy  
Down in my heart down in my heart  
Down in my heart  
I've got the joy joy joy joy  
Down in my heart  
Down in my heart to stay

#### Verse 2

I have the peace that passeth  
understanding  
Down in my heart down in my heart  
Down in my heart  
I have the peace  
That passeth understanding  
Down in my heart  
Down in my heart to stay

#### Verse 3

I have the love of Jesus  
Love of Jesus down in my heart  
Down in my heart down in my heart  
I have the love of Jesus  
Love of Jesus down in my heart  
Down in my heart to stay

#### Verse 4

I've got the wonderful love  
Of my blessed redeemer  
Way down in the depths of my heart  
Way down in the depths of my heart  
Way down in the depths of my heart  
I've got the wonderful love  
Of my blessed redeemer  
Way down in the depths of my heart  
Way down in the depths of my heart to stay