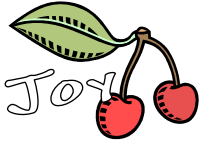


# FAMILY MINISTRIES: NOVEMBER

THE TABLE: A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

## The Fruit of The Spirit



This month we are focusing on goodness. Our story tells about how the church in Jerusalem was helped twice by two other churches very far away. Both times, the believers in Jerusalem were struggling. There was a famine and food was short. Believers in Antioch and Corinth decided to do everything they could to send money for their fellow believers in Jerusalem.

The people of Antioch and Corinth exhibited goodness because they gave everything they could to help others. The gift of giving is an amazing way to practice goodness. Paul urged the people to not be satisfied with simply doing good for others, but to excel at doing good. Paul wanted the believers to understand how important it is to give to others and how that grows the fruit of goodness in their hearts.

As a family, talk about ways to serve other people. Discuss things each of you are good at or enjoy doing. How can you use those things to help others? What can you do as a family to use your gifts to serve others? We show goodness when we give to others using the gifts God has given us.

Talk with your child about the Bible story this month: Acts 11:27-30.

MEMORY VERSE:  
"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others."  
I Peter 4:10

### OBSERVATION QUESTIONS:

- What happened in the story?
- What was going to happen to the church in Jerusalem?
- What did the people do in response?
- What were Saul and Barnabas' roles in this story?

### INTERPRETATION QUESTIONS:

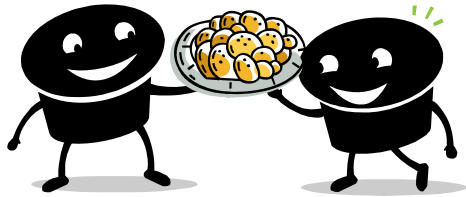
- Why do you think the people responded the way they did to the prophecy?
- Why do you think the author of Acts said the disciples gave "each according to his ability" (v. 29)?
- Would you have been willing to save money for people you never met? Why or why not?

### APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

- What gifts or talents do you have that you can use to serve others?
- Who are some people you can reach out to and serve?
- How can you help out hungry people in your community?

### PRAY WITH YOUR CHILD:

- Thank God for His goodness towards us.
- Ask Him to help you show goodness by helping others.
- Ask God to show you ways you can give of yourself to help others.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to grow the fruit of goodness in your life.
- If your child has not received Christ, give them the opportunity.



## HOME IDEAS

- Read and talk about 1 Samuel 25 (Abigail), Genesis 12:1-3 (Abram), Luke 11:9-13.
- Make cookies together, talking about all the ingredients that go into cookies. Talk about the different things that go into "goodness" (sharing, generosity, obedience, thoughtfulness, manners, etc.) Then, when the cookies are finished, take a plate-full to a neighbor or friend!
- Participate in an activity to help those less fortunate. During the holiday season you can give presents through giving trees, toy drives, etc., and/or serve at a homeless shelter. At any time during the year, you can help out at a local homeless shelter, food pantry, or community organization.
- Decorate a giving jar to use for loose change around your house. Use a tin can, canning jar, or cereal box. Decorate it using markers, construction paper, paint, etc. Talk as a family about who you want to bless with the money. Then pray together for the people that will be receiving it.
- Wall of goodness. Make two charts right next to each other. On one, write "God is good". List all the ways God is good to you. On the other page, write down examples of goodness that you did or you saw others do throughout the day. Keep adding to the list.

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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.



### God Is So Good

#### Chorus 1

God is so good, God is so good,  
God is so good to me

#### Verse 1

God is so good, God is so good,  
God is so good to me.

#### Verse 2

He answers prayer, He answers prayer,  
He answers prayer, He's so good to me.

#### Verse 3

I love Him so, I love Him so,  
I love Him so, He's so good to me.

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### Good To Me

#### Misc 1

#### (PRE-CHORUS)

You are my hope  
Your promise never fails me  
And my desire  
Is to follow you forever

#### Chorus 1

For You are good  
For You are good  
For You are good to me  
For You are good  
For You are good  
For You are good to me

#### Verse 1

I cry out for Your hand  
of mercy to heal me  
I am weak  
I need Your love to free me  
Oh Lord my Rock  
My strength in weakness  
Come rescue me oh Lord

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