

Love

Jesus: The True Vine; Fruit of the Spirit
John 15:1-13; Galatians 5:22-23

Big Idea

Love one another.

Conversation Starters:

Get ideas flowing by sharing some of your own ideas too!

Use these questions to get your kids thinking about the Big Idea.

- What do you think love looks like? Feels like? Sounds like? Smells like? Tastes like?
- Who is someone you know loves you completely?

Introduce the big idea: love one another.

Video:

Watch this week's video.

Pray & Discuss:

Take time to talk about the video together.

- What verses from the Bible were a part of the God Story?
- What was the story with the vine and branches about?
- What was the Life Story about? How did we see love in the Life Story?
- Is there a difference between the "loves" when we say, "I love this food," or "I love this toy," and "I love you," or "Jesus loves me"?
- **Pray:** Dear God, please help us to love one another because you loved us first. Teach us how to love others in the very best ways. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN.

Craft Activity

Invite your child to make the following craft as you continue to discuss types of love and how Jesus wants us to love one another.

Supplies:

- Green pipe cleaners
- Green leaves activity page
- Scissors
- Markers
- Glue stick
- Tape
- Purple pom-poms

- Give your child the supplies provided and encourage them to make a grapevine with leaves.
- Help them cut out the leaves as needed.
- If desired, they can turn their vine into a headpiece or a necklace or a bracelet, or they can weave it into somewhere in their room.
- Use this vine to remind your family that Jesus is our vine and we are his branches, and we want to stay close to him.



Additional Activities

Key Verse Activity

Supplies:

- Key verse sign

Review the key verse together. Discuss:

- Is there anything in that verse that you don't understand?
- What do you think the verse is saying?

As a family, create your own actions to the verse. See if you can learn it together and then randomly throughout your week, stop what you are doing and say the verse together!

Key Verse:

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

Romans 8:38

Key Verse Add-On

On sticky notes, write one "fruit" of the Spirit on each one. Then, as a family, have each family member write their name under one or two of the fruit of the Spirit they really need God's extra help with this week. Stick them somewhere in plain sight so family members can pray for one another this week.