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Bearing *Much* Fruit



Key Idea:

By focusing on our connection to Jesus, we can become spiritually fruitful.
(Galatians 5:22-23)



Biblical Basis:

Galatians 2:20; John 15

Memory Verse:

"It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies."
(Zechariah 4:6)

Lesson Summary:

Today we began a new year-long study called *ROOTS: Bearing Much Fruit*. In John 15:4, Jesus says when we abide in Him, we will bear much fruit. Trees or vines need deep roots to produce fruit. How do we grow deep spiritual roots? By abiding in Jesus — by staying connected to Him like a branch is connected to a tree, by following Him, by being like Him, and by depending on Him. Throughout the year, we will learn about Jesus' time on earth. We will examine the fruit He displayed and talk about how we too can produce the same fruit, through the power of the Holy Spirit in us.

Questions to discuss at home:

1. What are some ways our family is growing strong in God?
2. Share your stories of growing in Jesus with each other.

Home Challenge:

1. Using a houseplant you bought or have, gently dig it up and look at its root system. Talk about the miracle of plants and their growth. Compare it to the miracle of spiritual growth.
2. Visit an orchard or vineyard in your area and look at the trees/vines bearing fruit. Encourage your child to be thankful for the Spirit's work in our lives to help us bear *much fruit*!

Parents, please pray The Lord's Prayer over your children. Put your child's name in the blanks.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name — may (child's name) honor Your holy name today. May Your kingdom come in (child's name)'s life, and may Your will be done on earth in (child's name)'s life, as it is done in heaven. Give (child's name) the daily bread of Your Word and Your truth today. Help (child's name) to seek Your forgiveness for sin, and to forgive those who have sinned against us. Keep (child's name) from temptation, and deliver (child's name) from evil. The kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours forever, Lord. Amen, so be it.