

# Love

## 1 | Hangout

### SUPPLIES

- Variety of cut-up fruits
- Bowls
- Wooden skewers

### BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Put the different kinds of fruit in separate bowls.

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Demonstrate how to push pieces of fruit carefully onto a skewer to make a colourful kabob.
- Guide the kids to make their own fruit kabobs, then eat them together!
- As the group enjoys their snack, explain that when we say yes to Jesus, the Holy Spirit starts to grow fruit in us. It's not the kind of fruit we can eat, though. It's called the fruit of the Spirit.
- Ask: Have you ever heard about the fruit of the Spirit before? What are they?
- Review the fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- Introduce this week's Big Idea: **Love one another.**
- Let the kids know that Jesus commanded us to love one another.
- Discuss:
  - What are some of your favourite ways to show love to people?
  - What are some of the ways that people show love to you?
- Emphasize that when we know God loves us, we can share that love with other people.
- Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Kids playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

## 2 | Hear

### SUPPLIES

- Bible

### LEADER TIP

- If possible, look online for images of grapes growing on a vine. Show them to the kids and chat about how the fruit grows.

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Let the kids know that in today's God Story, Jesus explains our relationship with him and God the Father by talking about a vine and the gardener who takes care of it.
- Discuss:
  - Have you ever seen grapes growing on a vine or any other kind of fruit growing?
  - Have you ever picked fresh fruit? What was that experience like?
- Look up John 15:1–13 and read the passage out loud.
- Review and discuss:
  - In Jesus' teaching, who is the good gardener pruning the vine? (God the Father)
  - Who is the true grapevine? (Jesus)
  - Who are the branches bearing fruit? (Us!)
  - Can branches bear fruit if they're separated from the vine? (No)
  - Which fruit does Jesus mention in verses 10–13? (Joy and love)
  - What is Jesus' commandment to us in verse 12? (Love one another as he has loved us)
  - What do you think the fruit of love looks like in everyday life? (e.g., treating others respectfully; using kind words; including people; helping one another; sharing; listening; being gentle; putting others first)

**BIG IDEA**

Love one another.

## 3 | Huddle

**SUPPLIES**

- Paper
- Drawing supplies

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Introduce the Key Verses for this series: The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23, NLT).
- Give each person a piece of paper.
- Place the drawing supplies where everyone can share them.
- Direct the kids to draw nine different kinds of fruit on their pages, then label each one with a fruit of the Spirit. Encourage them to be creative—they could draw real fruit or make up fantastic, imaginary fruit that go with the fruit of the Spirit.
- If needed, help the kids with spelling and clarify concepts, such as faithfulness or self-control.
- Celebrate their creative efforts!
- Pray, “Thank you, God, that you’re growing all of these good things in our lives as we follow Jesus. Please grow your fruit of love in our hearts and help us to love other people like you’ve loved us. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.”

## Word Scramble

Unscramble the words to discover the fruit of the Spirit.

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