

AROUND THE TABLE

RESOURCE GUIDE

SERIES: AS FOR ME & MY HOUSE

WEEK: APRIL 26 - INTRO

OPEN IT UP

AS A FAMILY OR GROUP, GO AROUND THE TABLE AND SHARE WHAT YOUR FAVORITE MEAL IS AND WHY. TRY TO HAVE EACH PERSON'S FAVORITE MEAL ONCE DURING THIS SERIES.

TAKE IT FURTHER

PRESCHOOL:

- 1) WHEN DO YOU NEED TO HOLD MOM OR DAD'S HAND SO YOU WILL BE SAFE?
- 2) WHAT ARE THE WAYS YOU STAY SAFE IN THE CAR?

ELEMENTARY:

- 1) WHAT ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO BY YOURSELF WITHOUT HELP?
- 2) WHAT ARE SOME THINGS YOU STILL NEED HELP WITH? WHY?

STUDENTS:

- 1) IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU SOMETIMES CHOOSE LIFE IN THE FLESH INSTEAD OF LIFE IN THE SPIRIT?
- 2) DO THE FRIENDS IN YOUR LIFE HELP YOU WANT TO PRODUCE MORE OF THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT? WHY OR WHY NOT?

GROUPS:

- 1) HOW DO YOU SEE THE BATTLE BETWEEN FLESH AND SPIRIT PLAY OUT IN YOUR LIFE?
- 2) WHAT ARE WAYS YOU'VE LEARNED TO IDENTIFY FLESH FRUIT VS. SPIRIT FRUIT?
- 3) WHAT ARE YOU HOPING TO GET OUT OF THIS SERIES AND THESE AROUND THE TABLE EXPERIENCES?

LOOK IT UP

TRY IT OUT

PRESCHOOL:

THIS WEEK, NOTICE ALL THE WAYS YOUR CHILD IS KEPT SAFE AND POINT THEM OUT TO THEM SAYING, "THIS KEEPS YOU SAFE." AT BEDTIME, REMIND THEM THAT BEING CONNECTED TO JESUS KEEPS US SAFE JUST LIKE HOLDING HANDS WITH MOM OR DAD. REMIND THEM THAT WE ALWAYS NEED TO STAY CONNECTED TO JESUS, NO MATTER HOW OLD OR BIG WE GET.

ELEMENTARY:

HAVE YOUR CHILD PICK THEIR FAVORITE FRUIT AND TOGETHER, DO SOME RESEARCH ON HOW IT IS GROWN AND WHAT IS NECESSARY FOR IT TO RIPEN. HOW LONG DOES IT NEED TO STAY CONNECTED BEFORE IT CAN THRIVE? REMIND THEM THAT BEING CONNECTED TO JESUS IS HOW THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS GROWN IN OUR LIVES.

STUDENTS:

CHOOSE A WORD, PHRASE, SCRIPTURE, OR PHOTO AND UPDATE YOUR PHONE LOCK SCREEN OR COMPUTER BACKGROUND TO REMIND YOU ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF LIFE IN THE SPIRIT.

GROUPS:

STOCK UP ON YOUR FAVORITE FRUITS AT THE GROCERY STORE AND PUT THEM IN A BOWL WHERE THEY'RE VISIBLE. ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO NUDGE YOU THIS WEEK WHEN YOU'RE CHOOSING ACTS OF THE FLESH OVER FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT.

CLOSE IT OUT

FAMILY:

GOD, THANK YOU FOR (CHILD'S NAME) AND FOR MAKING HIM/HER MY CHILD. I PRAY THAT YOU WILL HELP (NAME) TO GROW EACH DAY TO UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT YOU AND HOW THEY CAN BE CONNECTED TO YOU, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, HOW MUCH YOU LOVE HIM/HER. AMEN.

GROUPS:

PRAY AND DEDICATE THESE WEEKS TO GOD AND ASK THAT HE'D BRING MUCH SPIRITUAL FRUIT OUT OF YOUR TIME TOGETHER.