

## Lesson 2.3: Love, as a Fruit of the Spirit

**Ages: 7- 9**

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### Goals

- Teach children that God is the source of love.
  - Help them understand love as a fruit of the Holy Spirit.
  - Encourage children to practice love in their everyday relationships.
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### Welcome Time

- Greet students as they arrive.
  - Provide a “Love Is...” activity sheet where they can draw or write what love means to them.
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### Worship/Prayer Time: [Click here](#)

- Sing worship songs, such as:
    - "Jesus Loves Me"
    - "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love."
  - Offer a prayer of thanksgiving for God's love and ask for His help in showing love to others.
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### Lesson

#### Introduction

#### Summary for Parents:

We introduced love as more than just a feeling—it's a deliberate action and choice. Students learned about agape love, which is selfless and unconditional, reflecting God's character. We discussed how love is a fruit of the Holy Spirit and a visible sign that someone is living for God.

- We compared love to fruit: just as fruit grows from a tree, love grows in our hearts when the Holy Spirit works in us.
- We talked about how the world often lacks love, but as children of God, we are called to love others regardless of how they treat us.

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## Opening Activities

1. Fruit Match-Up Game:
    - Display pictures of different fruits with matching trees.
    - Discuss how the fruit represents the tree and how love represents a Christian's heart.
  2. Love Brainstorm:
    - Ask students to define love in their own words.
    - Create a "Love Word Cloud" on the board, writing down all their ideas.
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### Memory Verse

**Galatians 5:22-23**

**22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.**

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## Bible Story

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- Read the passage aloud or act it out as a group.
  - Discuss the characteristics of love:
    - Love is patient, kind, and truthful.
    - Love is not jealous, boastful, or rude.
    - Love never gives up, always hopes, and never fails.
  - Show examples of these traits in everyday life (e.g., being patient with a sibling, helping a friend).
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## Discussion Questions

1. What is love, and how would you describe it?
2. How can you tell when someone is being loving?

3. What are some ways you can show love at home, school, or church?
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### **Gospel Point**

- God is the ultimate example of love. He sent Jesus to show His love for us by dying on the cross for our sins.
  - When we believe in Jesus, the Holy Spirit helps us love others the way God loves us.
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### **Activity (Visual Aids)**

1. Fruit of Love Tree:
    - Provide each student with a paper cutout of a fruit.
    - Ask them to write or draw one way they can show love.
    - Attach the fruits to a large paper tree labeled “Fruit of Love.”
  2. Love Scenarios:
    - Divide students into small groups.
    - Give each group a scenario (e.g., a friend is sad, a sibling takes your toy, or a classmate is left out).
    - Let them act out how they would show love in that situation.
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### **Craft**

#### **Love Chain**

- Materials: Construction paper strips, markers, tape or glue.
  - Have students write one way they can show love on each strip, then link the strips together to form a “Love Chain” to hang in the classroom or take home.
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### **Conclusion**

Summary for Parents:

We wrapped up the lesson by emphasizing that love is the defining characteristic of a follower of Jesus. Like a tree is known by its fruit, Christians are known by the love they show to others.

- Students were encouraged to reflect on their actions and ensure they are showing love in all situations.
  - We challenged them to think of ways to practice love daily, even when it’s difficult.
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**Closing Prayer:** [Click Here](#)

- Lead a prayer thanking God for His love and asking Him to help students show love to others.
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### **Snack Time**

- Serve fruit snacks or heart-shaped cookies as a reminder of the fruit of the Spirit.
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**Take-Home Activities:** [Click Here](#)

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## **Craft Time: Love Rocks**

Collect smooth rocks

Paint rocks with bright colors

Write loving messages on rocks

Share rocks with family and friends

