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- Say at each mealtime.
- Read at bedtime.
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Prayer for this Week:

Lord Jesus, help me to stay joined to you. Produce your good fruit in my life. Amen. (John 15:5)

For Throughout the Day:

Lord God, please me give your Spirit of love. Amen. (1 John 4:13,16-17)

A Blessing to Share:

May God keep you connected to him, so that you produce his good fruit of love. Amen.

Mealtime Refrain:

Let us love one another:

For love comes from God. (1 John 4:7)

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Faith Talk:

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- What is your favorite fruit? Why?
- Jesus says that we show that we are his followers by bearing fruit. What do you think Jesus means by "fruit"?
- Jesus tells us that if we are to bear fruit we need to "remain" in him. What does it mean to "remain" in Jesus?

Devotional Practices:

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Service:

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Rituals and Traditions:

In observance of the UN International Day of Families, plan an activity for Friday evening e.g. play a board game together, or eat out together. Share what your household means to you and pray for God's blessing upon your life.

Parent Toolbox: Mother's Day Inspiration

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Mother, Home, and Heaven.
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