



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: LOVE

The fruit of the Spirit is **love**, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22,23

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Love that is part of the fruit of the Spirit is love like Jesus showed. It puts others first, never quits, and is given to everyone, not just to our friends.

Have you ever been left out? Has someone said mean things to you or said they aren't your friend anymore? These are all times when we need the Holy Spirit to help us love others.

What does Jesus' kind of love look like?

Love is a choice. We choose to love others as much as we love ourself. We choose to share our things with them. We choose to be their friend even if no one else is. We choose to forgive them when they hurt us. We can find out even more about love by reading 1 Corinthians 13.

How does Jesus show love to us?

Jesus loved us enough to die for us, so we can go to heaven and be with Him forever. *(See Romans 5:7,8.)* He never quits loving us. He even loved His enemies enough to forgive them. *(See Luke 23:34.)*

Do I really have to love everyone?

It's not easy to love others if they've hurt us or they aren't easy to love. But God wants us to love others and think about their feelings. How will they feel if we leave them out or won't share with them? How will they feel if we say mean things about them or don't want to be their friend anymore?

The fruit of the Spirit in our life helps us choose to treat others as we want to be treated—even when it's not easy. The fruit of the Spirit can help us love everyone, including our enemies. *(See Matthew 5:43-48.)*

CASE SUMMARY



Love: I will put others first.



1 John 4:8
Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.



Jesus Heals a Blind Man
John 9:1-23

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