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# TABLE TALK

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## Bearing Fruit

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### Prepare:

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*As one person lights a candle, the family reads together: (adapted from Jeremiah 17:7-8)*

C: Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,

R: he is like a tree planted by the water.

C: He is not anxious when the heat comes,

R: for he does not cease to bear fruit.

### Read: John 15:1-8 (ESV)

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

### Reflect:

Branches only bear fruit by being connected to the vine. As Christians, our ability to bear fruit is a result of our being connected to Jesus. The fruit we bear is proof we are his disciples.

Take a moment to talk about what this passage (John 15:1-8) means for you as a family.

*Now share with one another one thing you can do differently as a member of your family.*

### Pray:

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*The head of the household prays:*

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for grafting us into the vine that is Jesus. Help us to abide in him so that we might bear fruit.

In Jesus's name, amen.