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TABLE TALK

Chosen

Prepare:

As one person lights a candle, the family reads together: (adapted from Ephesians 1:3-4)

C: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
R: who blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing,
C: even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world,
R: that we should be holy and blameless before him.

Read: John 15:9-17 (ESV)

9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. 17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Reflect:

Jesus chose the disciples and sends them to bear fruit. As Christians, we too have been chosen and are sent to bear fruit in Jesus's name.

Take a moment to talk about what this passage (John 15:9-17) means for you as a family.

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

Pray:

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.