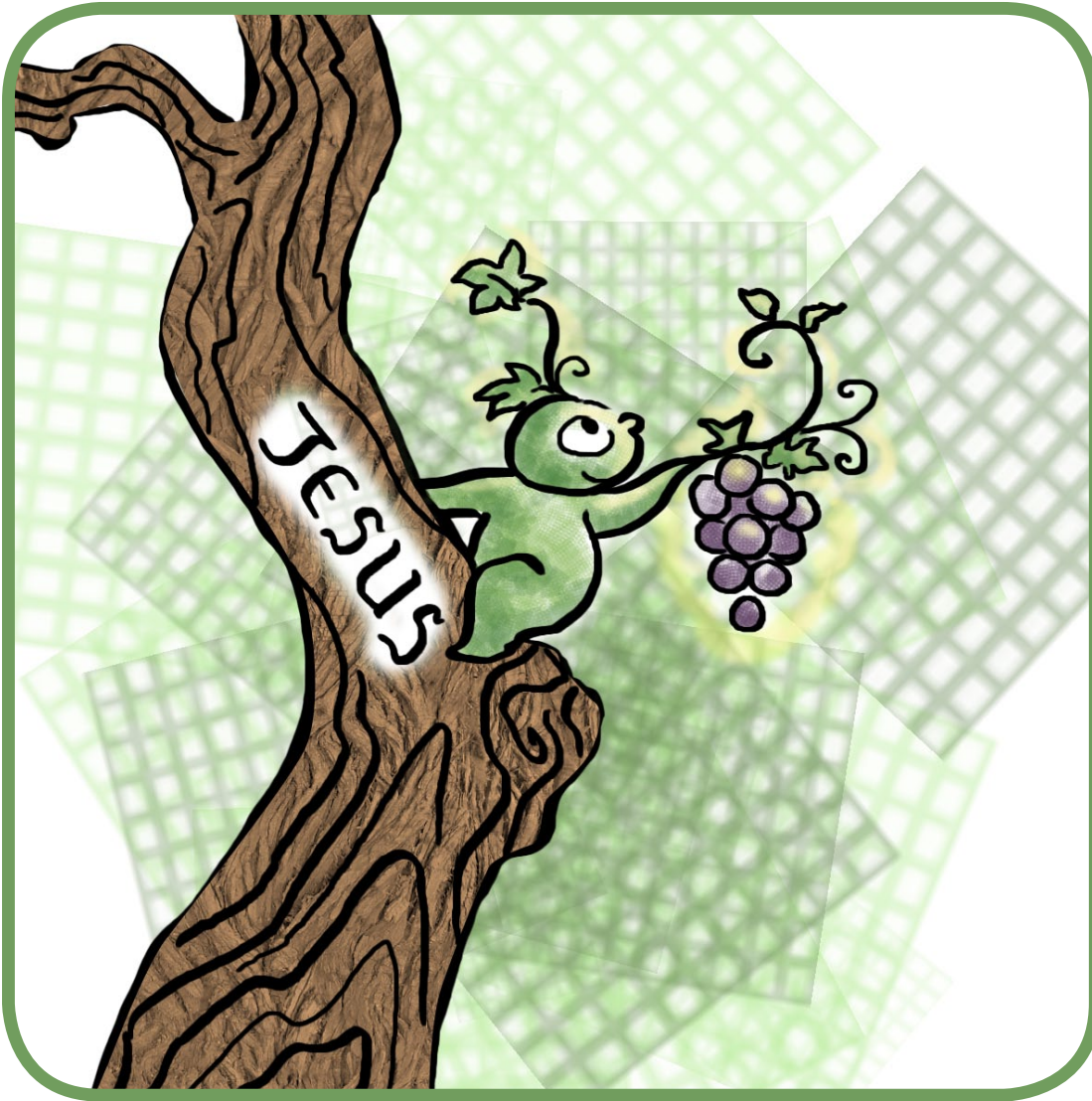


# What's It For?



**Jesus told His disciples that He wanted them to remain in Him:** “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit” (John 15:5 NIV). He went on to state two primary purposes for bearing fruit:



### 1. To glorify God:

“This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples” (John 15:8 NIV).

What is at the center of an apple or orange? Seeds that can bring about more apples and oranges. Jesus is like the seed. He is what enables us to be fruitful. When others see Jesus through the fruits of His Spirit in your life, this brings glory to God and points people to Jesus, which will bring about the fruit of others receiving Jesus and wanting to be close to Him.

## 2. For your joy:

“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete” (John 15:11 NIV).

Fruit isn't only meant for fruit baskets, still-life oil paintings, or even just for the seeds that will be used to plant another crop of fruit. Fruit is also meant to be eaten and enjoyed. Jesus' Spirit in our lives is meant to bring us joy. The joy Jesus gives is eternal and everlasting, and springs from the knowledge of Jesus' redeeming love for us.





**Bite-sized:** The fruits of the Spirit are meant to bring glory to God and joy to our lives and to those around us.

**Memorize it:**

- John 15:8
- John 15:11

**Action:** Choose two fruits of the Spirit. Ask Jesus to give you an idea of one way that you can use one of the fruits you've chosen for His glory, and the other fruit for the purpose of your own or others' joy.

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