



We are kicking off our new year diving into the **FRUIT of the SPIRIT**:
The amazing gift from God to show people what His love looks like.
Our goal with this series is to help our kids observe and recognize when they see the fruit being displayed in their daily lives.

Psalm 16:11 says:
"You reveal the path of life to me; in your presence is abundant **JOY**; at your right hand are eternal pleasures."

Abundant means **MORE THAN ENOUGH!** Simply being in the presence of God brings more than enough **JOY** into our lives!

Through the Holy Spirit, God's **JOY** can grow in us no matter what we face!

What a beautiful picture of hope and blessing in a world that so often does not bring joy!

DISCUSS

Are joy and happiness the same? Different? How?

PLAY

Choose a game or activity (charades, building blocks, etc) for an evening of **JOY** filled family fun!

PONDER

What might joy look like when things are hard or sad?

CREATE

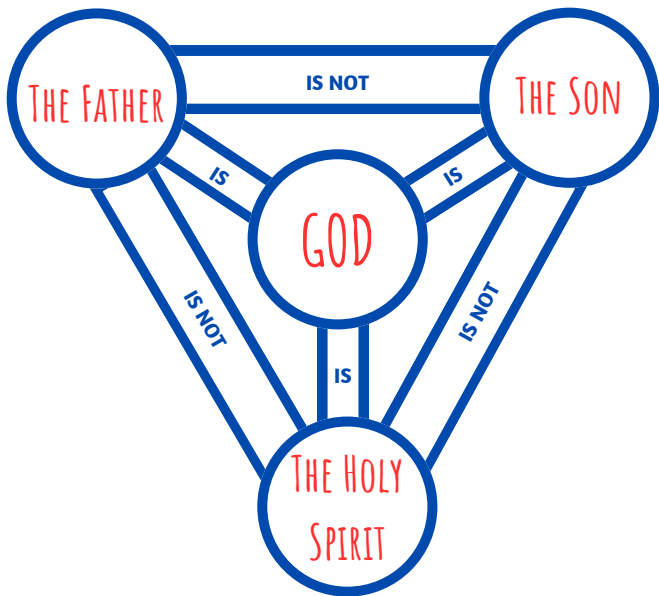
Make a **JOY** jar or journal. Allow everyone to add things God has given that bring joy!

The Trinity can be hard to wrap our brains around. Many attempts to explain the unique relationship between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit fall short. Below is one of our favorite graphics to illustrate the complexity of our triune God!

We also love explaining it by looking at roles.

For example: I am a mom, a daughter, and a wife. I don't stop being a daughter or a wife when I am a mom; I hold all the roles simultaneously. I am not a daughter or a mom to my husband. I have a different role in my relationship with him. Then when I became a mom, I didn't stop being a wife or a daughter.

I am me in each relationship but my role in each is unique!



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For each AKM Series, we select a memory verse we work on each Sunday.
If you'd like to join us in working on it as a family, display this page to
practice during the week.

BUT THE *fruit*
OF THE
SPIRIT IS

love
joy
peace
patience
kindness
goodness
faithfulness
gentleness
self-control



GALATIANS 5:22-23

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