The Tree That's Me Song

Materials Needed

copies of *Fruit Shapes* p. 2 printed on stiff paper, craft sticks, scissors, crayons or markers, tape, device for showing online video at www.newchurchvineyard.org/resource/video-the-tree-thats-me-song/

Prepare in Advance

Students will need 2 fruit shapes each. Print enough for them to have choices. Cut apart the fruit shapes. For a young group, you may wish to cut the fruit out ahead of time as well.

New Church Concept People and Trees

In the Word a person is compared to a tree. The truths of faith are compared to leaves, and forms of the good of charity to fruit; the seeds from which new trees grow correspond to truths which spring from good, or to faith which springs from charity. See *Arcana Coelestia* 8326

In the Word, we are described as trees, and our wisdom, arising from love, is described as a garden. See *Divine Providence* 332.3



The Word compares people to trees in numerous places. Children will imagine themselves as fruitful trees by making paper fruits they can hold, and learning a song about fruitful qualities we need to invite into our spirits so we can serve our friends and the Lord in the best way possible. These qualities are called "fruits of the spirit" (see Galatians 5:22-23, *True Christian Religion* 571).

1. How is a plant "fruitful"? (It grows food for people and animals to eat.)
2. What is your favorite kind of fruit?
3. The Lord has created many kinds of fruits for us. I have four kinds of fruit here: apples, oranges, pears and peaches. Choose two of these fruits to decorate.
4. Color the fruits. When finished, tape a popsicle stick to the back of each fruit to use as a handle.
5. Now let's hold our fruits in our hands and put our arms out to the sides and stand tall like a tree. Can you feel the warm sun shining? It will help the fruit ripen. Here comes a breeze. Let's make our arms wiggle about in the wind!
6. Now we are going to learn a song about the kind of tree we want to be. Play *The Tree That's Me* video online at www.newchurchvineyard.org/resource/video-the-tree-thats-me-song/. Sing the song several times.

The Tree That's Me!

(sung to the tune of *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*)

Gentle, joyful, patient, kind,
God's great goodness in my mind.
Faith and love and self-control,
Give me peace within my soul.
Please God make the tree that's me,
Kind and loving as can be.

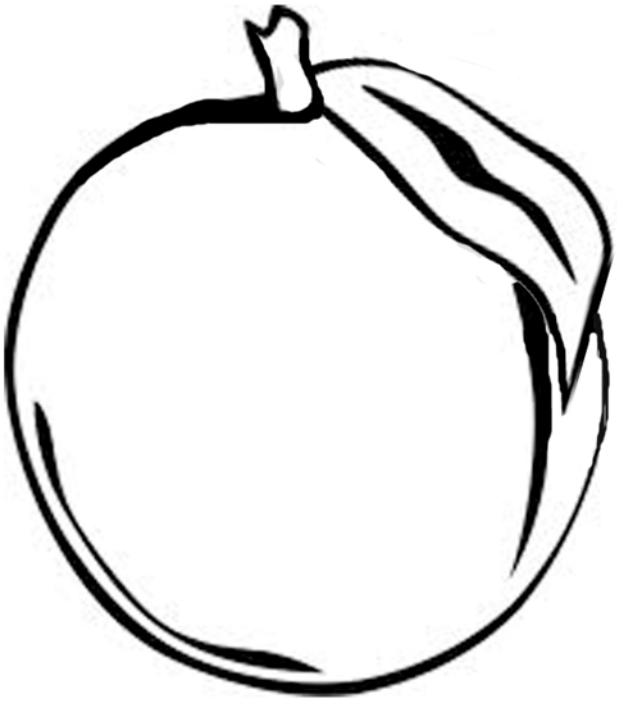
7. Stand like trees, hold your fruits and sing the song again.

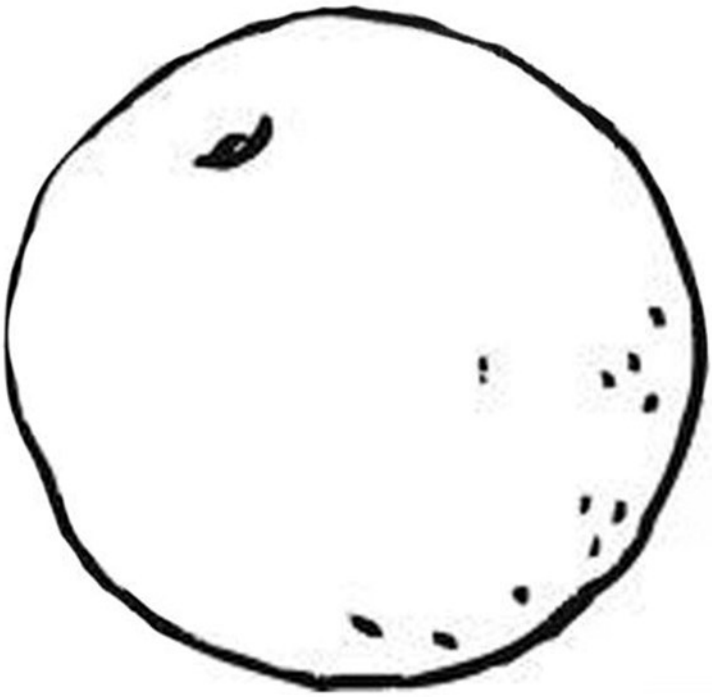
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Fruit Shapes









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