



The Word Is Like Fruit

The Word is like fruit within which there is nutritious pulp, and in the middle of it seed vessels, in which inmostly a Divine man; the literal sense is as it were his body, but the internal sense is as it were his soul (Arcana Coelestia 8943).

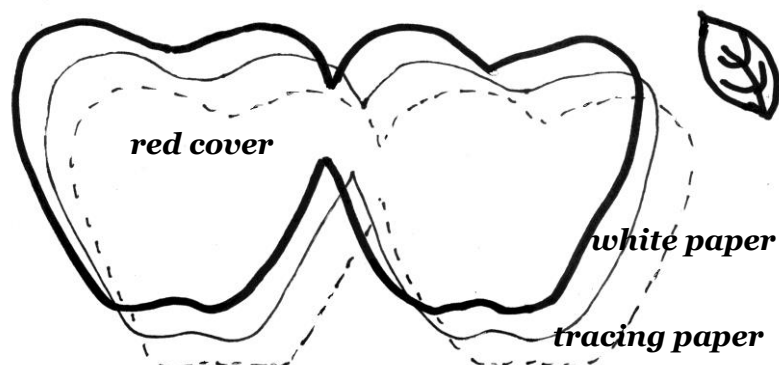
Make an Apple Book to Picture Layers of Meaning within the Word

You will need:

red construction paper for the skin of the apple, cut into two apple shapes
white or ivory paper for the inside of the apple, cut into two more apple shapes
tracing paper or white tissue paper, cut into one apple shape
glue
apple seeds painted gold OR metallic gold pen, gold crayon, or yellow crayon

Directions:

1. Use red construction paper to make the cover of the book—the skin of the apple.
2. Use the white paper to make the “nutritious pulp” inside the apple.
3. Use the tracing paper to make one page for the center of the apple.
4. Staple the book in the center, carefully attaching the center page.
5. On sides of the white pages toward the center of the book, make brown spots to represent the outer covering of the seeds.
6. On the center page (tracing paper) make gold or yellow spots to show the inside of the seeds, symbolizing something special from the Lord.
7. Optional: add a green leaf to your apple.



How the Word is like an Apple:

The Lord gives us fruit like the apple. It has a skin on the outside, protecting it. If we open it, we see and eat the nutritious pulp inside the fruit. Deep inside the fruit are seeds and inside each seed is something very special from the Lord. It secretly helps the seed grow when it is planted.

The Word has many wonderful stories that feed us in a different way. They give us truths to guide our lives. If we take these seeds of truth and plant them in our minds, then the Lord can help them grow into something wonderful!

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