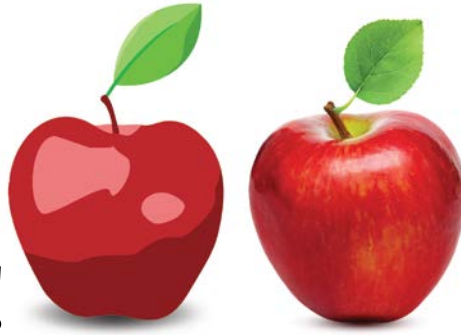


Put the Peas Down Now!



CASE STUDY 6

“That is perhaps the godliest family I know,” Jessica said to her husband about the Johnson family as the Johnsons drove away.

“I agree,” Matt responded. “I was eye-balling our kids all night to keep them from starting into one of their hissy fits. I was just sure Zach was going to blow it. I stared him down from putting a pile of peas in Emily’s hair. I was relieved when it was finally time for them to go to bed.”

“I wish our kids were as good as the Johnsons’ kids,” Jessica added. “And their relationship as a couple seems so genuine. I don’t think it’s just an act. They actually seemed like they liked each other.”

“Yeah, it was a little creepy the way they acted around each other,” Matt said. “I guess some families are better at being good than other families. We definitely don’t have what the Johnsons have.”

1. Evaluate Matt’s conclusion that his family doesn’t have what the Johnsons have.
2. Read Galatians 5:22–26. What is possible when believers submit to and depend on the Holy Spirit?
3. How successful could Matt’s family be at trying to be godly without the Spirit’s help?
4. Describe your relationship with the Holy Spirit.
5. Purpose to live dependent on the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:16; Ephesians 5:18). Write a prayer expressing your desire for the Spirit’s enabling ministry to be a reality in your life.