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School Lady



JOHN 15

THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

Scripture: John 15

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: Printouts from the end of the lesson

Ask:

- What did we learn about last week? (Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life)
- Who can remember any of the I AM statements? (bread of life, I AM, way, truth, and life, light of the world, resurrection and the life, the gate, good shepherd)
- Today, we're going to learn about the last I AM statement of John.
- But first, let's play a game.

Play a Game:

Play a game of human knot. Have all the kids stand in a circle and reach their hands in. Have them grab hands with someone else. Continuing to hold hands, they have to untangle the knot by stepping over or ducking under.

Explain:

Was it hard to remain together? Were there times when you wanted to let go and grab on after you had worked through a particularly difficult part?
Well, today we're going to talk about how we're supposed to remain in Jesus and him in us. We're called to abide in him.

Read: John 15:1-4

Explain:

Jesus calls us to remain in him and bear fruit. What do you think that means? (Allow for answers)

Explain Cont.

When we follow Jesus, it isn't just a one-time decision. It's a new life and new lifestyle. We have to remain in him and hold closely to him, seeking him and learning from him. When we do, we bear fruit and he gives us strength to do what we're supposed to do.

Read: John 15:5-8

Ask:

What ways will people know you're disciples of Jesus? (Allow for answers)

Read: John 15:9-17

Explain:

- Loving others is one way to show that we love Jesus.
- So let's take a minute to think about someone we can love today, and how we can love them.
- If you don't know where to start, you can start with your neighbors. Who did Jesus say our neighbors were? (Encourage them to think back on the story of the Good Samaritan. The man who helped the hurt man was the neighbor. Our neighbors are anyone in need. It can be physical neighbors, family members, church friends, or a kid at school).
- I want you to think of a person or a few people that you can show love to. Then, plan out how you'll show them love and what supplies you'll need. When you get home, you can talk with your parents about a date you can make to do this.
- There are two sheets below. The kids can either write down their plans or draw them depending on their ages.

Memorize: John 15:17

Close in Prayer

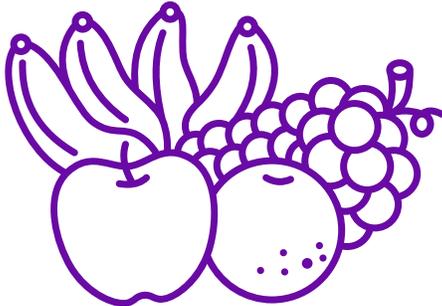


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When I'll Do It:

Way I Plan to Love:



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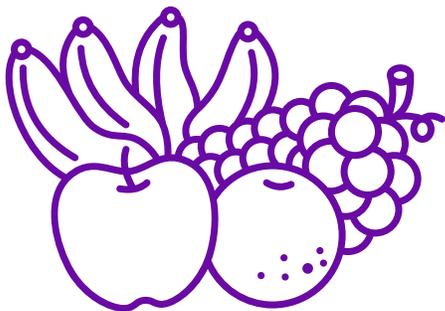


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