



ABIDE – “I STAY WITH JESUS”

LESSON OVERVIEW

Revelation: I Stay with Jesus

Bible Lesson: John 15:1-5 – “I am the vine”

Heart: God created me to stay with Him. I stay with Him by encountering Him daily

Memory Verse: “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain joined to me, and I to you, you will bear much fruit. You cannot do anything without me” – John 15:5

GAME

- Musical Chairs
- 4-Corners
- Playground

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Page Team Lead for all communication of needs (supplies, parent assistance, medical, restroom breaks)
- NEVER leave the classroom without paging Team Lead
- NEVER be alone with a child – this includes one on one conversations
- NO pictures or video recording is allowed in the classroom
- Every child and serve team member MUST wear their name tag

RULES

- Respect

DECLARATION

“I am a child of God, full of His Holy Spirit. I am learning His ways. I am made to encounter and connect with Him daily. I am walking in His favor and carrying His presence wherever I go.”

CONNECT WITH GOD FOCUS

- Meditation



REVELATION

SAY | This month we are beginning a new series called Abide. Does anyone know what Abide means? (give time for answers)

Abide is another word for stay. Today we will discover what it means to abide with Jesus or to stay with Jesus and why Jesus wants to stay with you!

God created you to stay with Jesus and you stay with Him by encountering Him every day.

Our revelation today is I Stay with Jesus.

Let's pray, Holy Spirit, we welcome you here, we don't make room for you, but we give you the entire room. We ask you to teach us your ways so that we may know you and find your favor. Speak Lord, your servants are listening. Amen.

BIBLE LESSON

TEACHER PROMPT | If you memorize this story and this lesson, it will help you teach it in excellence and allow Holy Spirit to speak to you and through you.

BIBLE LESSON INTRO | Our Bible lesson today is found in John 15:1-5

SAY | Jesus loved to tell stories called parables. In one story He told, He called Himself a vine. Do you know what a vine is? (pause for answers). Jesus said in John chapter 15, I am the true vine, and my father is the gardener and you are the branches.

What are we? (The branches) Who is the vine? (Jesus) Who is the gardener? (Father God)

Gardeners sow seeds of fruit, they water the ground, pull the weeds, prune the fruit, and trim dead branches. All while taking care of every plant, every tree, and every growing thing. This is how Father God takes care of us. He sows seeds of faith in us. He waters us with His love. He pulls out the sin in us. He shows us our



weaknesses so He can make us strong in Him. And He gets rid of all dead things in us, so that we can become alive in Him.

Jesus calls YOU the branches (have children hold their arms out like big branches).

SAY | I am the branches!

HOLD UP TOMATO PLANT PICTURE

Look at this tomato plant. Do you see this big vine in the middle that holds all the branches up? If I were to cut one of these branches off of the vine what would happen? (pause for answers) It would wilt, eventually die, and it would never grow fruit.

What happens when we leave it the branch connected to the vine? (pause for answers) It will keep growing! The longer the branch stays with the vine, the more it will grow and the stronger it will grow, it will also begin to grow new branches.

The same way that this branch has to stay connected to the vine to grow, so do we! **SAY: I STAY WITH JESUS!**

Jesus said “I am the vine. You are the branches. If you remain joined to me, and I to you, you will bear a lot of fruit. You can’t do anything without me. If you don’t remain joined to me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and dries up. Branches like those are picked up. They are thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain joined to me and my words remain in you, ask for anything you wish. And it will be done for you. When you bear a lot of fruit, it brings glory to my Father. It shows that you are my disciples.”

What did Jesus say to do? (remain joined to Me) What can you do without Him? (nothing!)

We must stay connected to the Vine, who is Jesus, by encountering Him daily through worship, prayer, and reading our Bible. This is why it is so important to have daily encounters with God, so that we can keep growing.



The more time you spend time with Jesus = The more you look and act and think like Him. This is what we call His fruit.

God created us to stay with Him and we stay with Him by being with Him daily. Just like the branch stays with the vine, we stay with Jesus! God loves to spend time with us and teach us about Himself, so we can grow!

Some of you might be thinking how can I stay with Jesus when He is all the way in heaven? Or maybe you are thinking that you don't know how to stay with Jesus because you don't know Him.

Jesus died on the cross so you COULD stay with Him. People used to have to go to a temple to meet with God and only special high priest could go into the Holy place where God was because everyone else was unholy.

BUT Jesus died on the cross to take away the sins of the world, to make you holy so that you could go into the holy place! Romans 10:9 says that if you "Say with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord." Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. Then you will be saved"

Jesus said that He had to go to Heaven, but that He would send His Spirit as a Helper to us, to dwell inside of us. When you invite Jesus to be your Lord and Savior and invite Holy Spirit to come live inside of you, He makes you holy! He took the temple that was far from people and put Himself inside of you. You stay with Jesus by daily spending time with Him and it is so easy because His own Spirit is in you!

Our revelation today is, I Stay with Jesus

TEACHER PROMPT | Ask Holy Spirit what He wants to do in this next moment. Lean into this moment of salvation, invite Holy Spirit to come fill His children and abide with them.

SALVATION + DISCUSSION



TEACHER PROMPT | This invitation to an eternity with Jesus is huge! Be sensitive to what Holy Spirit wants to do in this time. Ask Him to think through your thoughts and speak through your mouth!

SAY | God loves YOU so much that He gave his only Son that anyone who believes, in Jesus, might be saved and have everlasting life, John 3:16. God wants to be close to you. He has taken every step to be close to you. If you have never accepted Jesus into your heart, you can today! (You can invite children to raise hands, come forward, etc. have everyone repeat prayer together)

PRAYER | Father God you are Holy. Holy Spirit, we thank you for all that you teach us and that we get to know you Jesus, we thank you for laying down your life so that we can be close to you. Jesus, would you forgive us from our sins. Would you come live in our heart forever. Amen.

CELEBRATION | At TLC one of our values is Celebration. If you made this amazing decision to give your life to Jesus today, please stand up so we can CELEBRATE YOU! Let's Celebrate our friends who gave their life to Jesus today! WOOHOO!!

NOTE | List names of any child that received Jesus today on the Feedback Sheet

ASK | Encourage children to participate by answering the below questions:

- + What did Holy Spirit highlight to you in this story today?
- + How do you think you would react in this situation if you were there?
- + What is our memory verse?
- + What was our revelation?
- + What was our Bible Lesson about?

BENEDICTION PRAYER

"Teach us your ways that we may know you and find your favor." – Exodus 33:13



BIBLE TRIVIA

1. What was our memory verse?

("I am the vine. You are the branches. If you remain joined to me, and I to you, you will bear a lot of fruit. You can't do anything without me." John 15:5)

2. What was our revelation?

(I stay with Jesus)

3. What was our Bible Story about?

(Jesus teaching us to stay connected to Him like a vine)

4. What can we do without Jesus?

(Nothing.)

5. What did Jesus say to stay joined to?

(Him.)

6. Who comes and lives in you when you accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior?

(Holy Spirit.)

TEACHER PROMPT | Fill in the blank with the number of salvations: _____

Your name and classroom name: _____

Feedback: _____

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Celebrations: _____
