



## ABIDE – “I FOLLOW HIS COMMANDS”

### LESSON OVERVIEW

**Revelation:** I Follow His Commands

**Bible Lesson:** John 15:10-13

**Heart:** Jesus commands us to love each other as He loves us.

**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

**ASK** | Who remembers what we have discovered over the past two weeks? (I stay with Jesus; I bear much fruit) How do we stay with Jesus? (By encountering Him daily, through prayer, worship, and reading our Bible) How do we bear much fruit? (By staying with Jesus and walking in the fruit of the Spirit)

Our story begins right after Jesus tells us that He is the vine, we are the branches, and Father God is the gardener. When we stay with Jesus, we bear much fruit, which is the fruit of the Spirit.

Who remembers what the fruit of the Spirit is? (Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control)

**Our revelation today is I Follow His Commands.** Can you say that?

When we encounter Jesus daily, through worship, prayer, and reading our Bible, He speaks to us. When we spend time with Him it's easy to hear His voice and it is easy to obey Him.

We obey God by doing what He says. When Holy Spirit tells you to do something or to pray for someone, we get to obey Him. When we obey Him, we get to walk in the Joy that Jesus has!

Did you know that you can always hear the voice of God? All you have to do is read your Bible, because the Bible is the written Word, or voice, of God!

**Our revelation today is I Follow His Commands.**

**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 15:10-13

Jesus said “If you obey my commands, you will remain (or stay) in my love. In the same way, I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain (or stay) in his love. I have told you this so that you will have the same joy that I have. I also want your joy to be complete. Here is my command. Love one another, just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than the one who gives their life for their friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I do not call you slaves anymore. Slaves do not know their master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends. I have told you everything I learned from my Father.”

Jesus was fully submitted, which means He had decided that He was going to do whatever Father God told Him to do, even if He didn’t feel like it. Being submitted means to be fully obedient what God wants. Jesus was fully submitted to the will of Father God even to death. Jesus followed God commands. Say: I will follow His commands!

Does this remind you of something? (Prayer of Reformation) We have been praying every day “I want what you want. Show me what pleases you. Let your will be done! If I perish, I perish!” This is a prayer of submission. This is how we follow God’s commands; we decide to obey God even if it means doing what we don’t want.

What was the ultimate command Jesus obeyed of Father God’s? (allow for response) He died on the cross for us, remember when Jesus was in the garden about to be arrested and He prayed, ‘Father if You are willing, take this cup from me, but not My will but Yours be done.’

Jesus says, ‘If you obey my commands, you will stay in my love.’ How do we stay in Jesus’ love? (We obey His commands)

Jesus also said ‘I have told you these things so that you can have the same joy I have. I want your joy to be the fullest joy.’ Jesus wants us to have the same JOY He has; we get this joy by obeying Him. Remember that joy is also a fruit of the Spirit!



We obey Jesus' commands by loving Him and loving others.

It is in your daily encounters with God that you learn His commands. By reading your Bible, praying, and worshiping God daily, you are staying with Jesus and when you stay with Jesus you will bear His fruit. When you spend time daily with the Lord and you are fully submitted to Him, you will know His commands and He will give you His love and joy to follow them! Say: I follow His commands!

**ASK** | What are some ideas that Holy Spirit is giving you right now on how to obey His commands?

**TEACHER PROMPT** | Ask Holy Spirit what He wants to do in this next moment. This can look like taking time to pray the prayer for reformation and seek God for what He is asking children to obey Him in. This can look like laying down idols and sin or choosing to be quick to obey Him.

## **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 follow His commands)

### **3. What was our Bible Story about?**

(Jesus obeying Father God and when we obey Him we stay in His love)

### **4. What was the ultimate thing Jesus did to obey Father God?**

(Die on the cross for our sins.)

### **5. What happens when you stay with Jesus?**



(You will bear fruit.)

**6. What comes from following Jesus' commands?**

(Joy.)

**TEACHER PROMPT** | Fill in the blank with the number of salvations: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name and classroom name: \_\_\_\_\_

Feedback: \_\_\_\_\_

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Celebrations: \_\_\_\_\_

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