



## LESSON 3

Dear Parents,

Greetings! It's hard to believe we're already three weeks into our four-week study on Jesus and identity. This week's lesson was titled "Living As Branches." In this lesson, we helped students learn that as Christ-followers, "remaining in Jesus" is essential to their identity, even if it means pruning away other aspects of their lives. We challenged them to consider any aspects of their lives to which they're devoted that may be keeping them from fully following Christ most.

### **We looked at the following Scripture passages:**

- John 15:1-8
- 1 John 2:5-6

Please take a few minutes this week to read this passage.

### **Next Steps . . .**

During the next week as you have time to talk with your teenager, remember that one way that will help him or her to understand and apply what he or she has learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- Why does God sometimes remove or help us remove things in our lives that distract us from following Him fully?
- Can you think of anything or anyone in your life that has ever gotten in the way of you following God? (Be prepared to answer this yourself, if appropriate.)
- In your own words, what does it mean to "remain" or "abide" in Jesus?
- What can I do as your parent to help you grow closer to Christ?

Thank you for all you do. If you have any questions about anything, please don't hesitate to call me.