



Redeemer GC Kids Lesson

Introduction: What We Do During Kids Lessons

At our Gospel Community gatherings, we want every child to learn about Jesus in a fun and meaningful way. Each kids' lesson uses three important tools:

1. Weekly Catechism – Simple questions and answers that teach us important truths.
2. Memory Verse – A short verse from the Bible to remember and keep in our hearts.
3. Discussion – Talking together about Jesus and how awesome He is!

Expectations for Leaders and Kids

- Leaders: Guide children with kindness, patience, and excitement. Make the Bible lesson engaging and interactive.
- Kids: Listen respectfully, participate with open hearts, and be ready to learn about God's amazing love.

The "LIGHT" Acronym: Guiding Our GC Kids Lessons

To provide a well-organized, biblically-based, and interactive lesson, we use the acronym LIGHT:

- L - Listen to God's Word
- I - Interpret and Discuss
- G - Glorify Jesus
- H - Hide God's Word in Our Hearts
- T - Take It to the World

L - Listen to God's Word

Scripture Reading: John 15:5 (ESV)

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

Leaders should read or summarize the passage, helping children understand the imagery of Jesus as the vine and us as the branches.

I - Interpret and Discuss

Discussion Points:

1. Jesus Is the Vine, We Are the Branches
 - Explain that a vine gives life to the branches, helping them grow.
 - Just like branches can't live without the vine, we need Jesus to grow in faith and love.
2. Abiding in Jesus
 - "Abiding" means staying connected to Jesus—reading the Bible, praying, and following Him.
 - When we stay close to Jesus, we grow spiritually and love others more.
3. Bearing Good Fruit
 - Fruit means good things that come from our hearts and actions—like kindness, love, and patience.
 - The more we trust in Jesus, the more we show His love to others.
4. Without Jesus, We Can Do Nothing
 - Just like a branch can't grow without being connected to the vine, we can't grow in faith or love without Jesus.

Questions to Engage the Kids:

1. What does Jesus mean when He says He is the vine?
 - Answer: He gives us life and helps us grow.
2. What happens if a branch is not connected to the vine?
 - Answer: It can't grow or produce fruit.
3. How do we stay connected to Jesus?



- Answer: By praying, reading the Bible, and obeying Him.
 - 4. What kind of “fruit” do we grow when we abide in Jesus?
 - Answer: Love, kindness, patience, and other good things.
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G - Glorify Jesus

Leaders: Proclaim the Greatness of Jesus

- His Love: Jesus helps us grow in love, just like a vine helps its branches grow.
- His Power: Jesus gives us strength to obey God and love others.
- His Presence: Jesus is always with us, helping us bear good fruit.

Response:

- Express Gratitude: Encourage the kids to thank Jesus for helping them grow in love and faith.
 - Worship: Sing a song like "Jesus Loves Me" or "I Am the Vine."
 - Share Testimonies: Leaders can share a simple story about how staying close to Jesus helped them love others.
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H - Hide God's Word in Our Hearts

Memory Verse:

John 15:5 (ESV)

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

Memorization Tips:

- Echo Repeat: Leader says a phrase, kids repeat.
- Hand Motions:
 - I am the vine (spread arms like branches),
 - you are the branches (wiggle fingers like small branches),
 - Whoever abides in me (hug self),
 - he it is that bears much fruit (pretend to hold fruit in hands),
 - for apart from me you can do nothing (shake head “no”).

- Group Recital: Say the verse together, building excitement each time.
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T - Take It to the World

Practical Application:

- Living It Out:
 - Encourage the children to stay close to Jesus by praying and reading the Bible.
 - Challenge them to think of one way they can show the “fruit” of love this week.
- Stay Connected to Jesus:
 - Teach them that by trusting in Jesus, they can grow in kindness, patience, and faith.
- Sharing God's Love:
 - Discuss ways they can share Jesus' love with their family and friends.

Prayer:

- Lead a prayer thanking Jesus for being the vine that gives us life.
 - Ask for help to stay close to Him and love others well.
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Note for Leaders

Activity Planning:

- Craft Idea:
 - "Fruit of the Spirit Vine" – Have kids draw a vine and add paper grapes or leaves with words like kindness, patience, and love written on them.

Focus on Key Points:

- Reinforce that Jesus is our source of life and love.
 - Encourage the kids to stay connected to Jesus every day.
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Let's Remember:

John 15:5 (ESV):

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in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

By embracing the "LIGHT", we help our children shine brightly for Jesus, reflecting our church's commitment to being a Gospel-Centered, Disciple-Making Family that brings the transformative power of the Gospel to every aspect of life.

Closing Encouragement:

Let's encourage our kids to stay connected to Jesus, trust in His love, and share that love with everyone they meet!