

**THE PERSON PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR DISCIPLING YOUR KIDS IS YOU!**

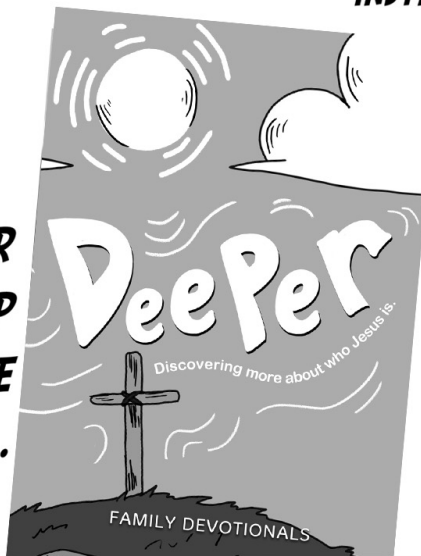


**AND WE ARE HERE TO HELP!**

- **MONTHLY ISSUE**
- **BASED ON THE MONTHLY SERIES IN KIDS CHURCH**
- **FOR KIDS AGES 2-12 YEARS OLD**
- **DESIGNED FOR A ONCE-A-WEEK ACTIVITY WITH YOUR KIDS**
- **EASY-TO-USE: READ IT TO YOUR KIDS AND FOLLOW THE SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS.**

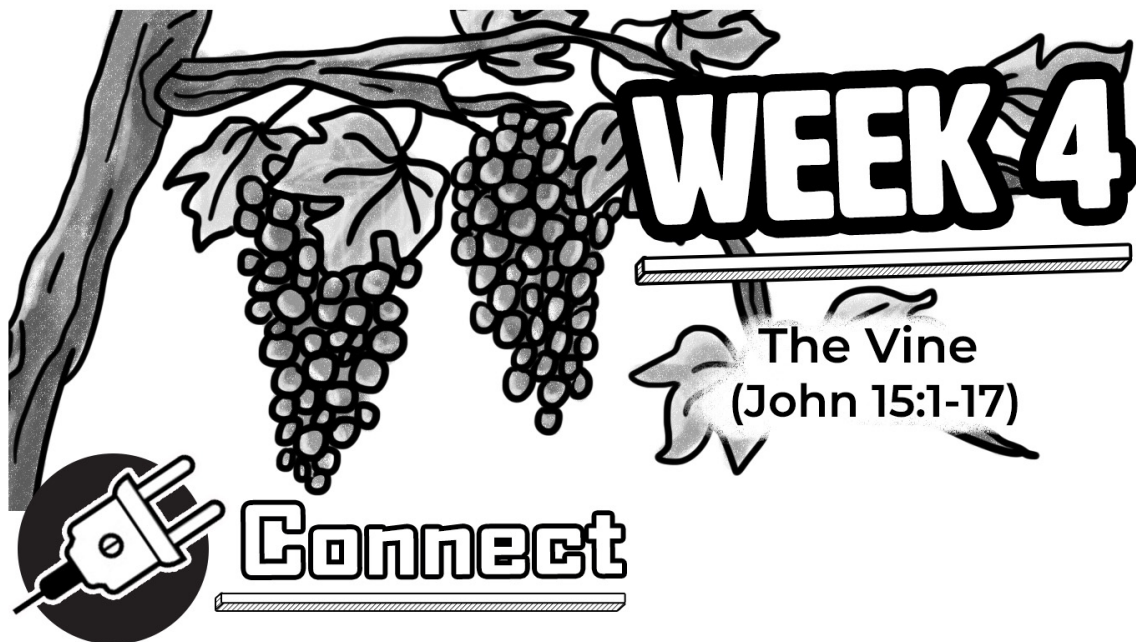


**IN ORDER TO HELP YOU, WE GIVE YOU...**



**THE FAMILY DEVOTIONAL**

**WE ARE YOUR PARTNERS IN DISCIPLING YOUR KIDS!**



Needed material: a small household appliance that needs to be plugged into an electric socket for it to work (e.g. lamp or electric fan).

Note to parents: the activity will need the appliance to be plugged into the electric socket. Please do this instead of your child and ensure that the appliance to be used has no defect for safety.

Parent: (referring to the unplugged appliance) How do you think we can get this appliance to work? (allow the child to answer) We can make this work by plugging and connecting it into the electric socket. (demonstrate and turn on the appliance) Because this appliance is powered by electricity, it is able to help us and make our lives better (e.g. lamp provides light; electric fan cools us during hot days).

Now, where do you think the power from the electric socket comes from? The electric power comes from a main power plant, which of course, we cannot see from here. But, every house that is with electricity is connected to the main power plant through those wire cables. In some places, you can see these wire cables propped up on posts on the streets. In others, these wire cables are hidden underground. The electricity travels from the main source through the wires reaching each home and providing power for each electric appliance to work. What do you think will happen if a house is not connected to the main source of electricity?

Our story for today will tell us how we are also similar to electric appliances and what happens if we are disconnected from our main source of power.



Read John 15:1-17

*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.*

5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

In our story, Jesus talks about being the true vine and how we, as His followers, are His branches. Jesus reminds us that in order for us to be fruitful in our lives, we must remain in him.

Because of sin, we are unable to do good on our own. But if we keep ourselves connected to Jesus through reading His Word, praying, and obeying Him, the fruit that comes from Him will come out of us as well. Receiving Jesus in our hearts means that His love is with us and this love transforms us to follow His ways and bear fruit.

Jesus reminds us that we cannot do these things apart from Him. That is why it is important for us to remain in Him. If we disconnect ourselves from Jesus, we will go back to our sinful ways and we are no longer able to produce fruit. Just like the appliance earlier, if we do not remain connected to our source of love and power, we will not be able to serve our purpose and produce anything good.



**Huddle**



**Parent to Kid**  
2-6 years old

- What is something that you can do to stay connected to Jesus?

**7-12 years old**

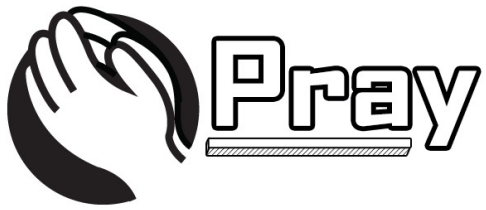
- Are there times that you feel disconnected with Jesus? Share it with your family.

**Kid to Parent**

- Were there instances that you got disconnected with Jesus? What was one consequence that was caused by this disconnection? How did you overcome it?

Branches that are connected to a vine stay healthy. So will we be when we stay connected to Jesus. We will not need to try and survive on our own because Jesus, as our source of power and love, will sustain us. He will keep us going, whatever circumstance we may be in.





Dear Lord,

Thank you for your love for us and for your continuous reminder for us to remain in your love. We acknowledge that apart from You we are nothing. May we always remember to stay connected to You and Your Word so that we may continue to produce fruits in our lives. In Jesus' name.

Amen.



Do you know that the word CHRISTIAN is a great reminder that apart from Christ we can do nothing? Come to think of it, if you take the last three letters (I, A, and N) from CHRIST it can stand as "I Am Nothing!" So, we have to stay connected to Christ to be a true CHRISTIAN!

