



Kindergarten-2nd

March 12-13, 2016

DATE

The Last Supper

LESSON TITLE

Matthew 26:17-20; John 3:16

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus wants us to stay connected to him.

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

Kids may have trouble understanding how Jesus can be “near” us if he isn’t in the room with us. Keep the focus on the different ways we can be near him like praying, reading the Bible, and doing things that he would do.

check-in/out

As kids check out, ask them about their vine and branches picture. What ways did they come up with to connect with Jesus?

large group heads up

Today’s story is about the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his followers before he died on the cross to rescue us. The main focus of the story will be how Jesus wants us to be connected to him, just like he was connected to his disciples.



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

ACTIVITY

- Gather kids in one large group, and have them sit on the floor.
- Tell kids that you're going to give them some commands to do, but they have to be connected while you do them! Instruct kids to link arms with the people on either side of them, and give them the following commands:
 - Lean to the left as far as you can.
 - Lean to the right as far as you can.
 - Stand up.
 - Wiggle your arms and legs.
 - Take a giant hop forward.
 - Take a giant hop backward.
 - Take 3 steps to the right.
 - Take 3 steps to the left.
 - Sit down.
 - Lie on your back and lift your legs in the air.
 - Sit back up.
- Come up with as many commands as you want to increase the challenge for kids. Make sure they stay linked the entire time!
- Make sure you make clear the expectations of behavior during the game (Keep your hands to yourself, no running, only do what the leader says.)

TALK ABOUT IT

- Is there anyone in your life that you're closely connected to, and that you spend a lot of time with? What do you do together?
- What's your favorite thing to do with friends?

Before you go to Large Group, you can ask kids how their week went. You can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) retell the story of the Last Supper and (2) understand how Jesus wants to be connected to us

Why? Being connected to Jesus is vital to our relationship with him!

Tip: Jesus uses a metaphor of a vine and branches to illustrate our relationship with him. Make it clear to kids that just as branches are connected to a vine, we are connected to Jesus.

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. Why did Jesus gather his disciples together for a meal? (to spend time with him before he died, to show them they could be serve others, be close to him and follow him)
2. Why did Jesus want to be close to the disciples, and to us? (Because he loves us, he wants a relationship with us, he wants to be close to us even though he's in heaven)
3. How could we spend time with Jesus at home? (Pray, talk/listen to Jesus, love and serve our friends and family)
4. How can we spend time with Jesus at church? (Worship with our friends, pray, learn new ways to follow Jesus)
5. Why did Jesus come to earth to rescue us? (He loves us, he wants us to be close to him forever)

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Hand each kid **1 vine page** and **3 round, blank stickers**. Set out **markers**.
- Remind kids of the following ways that we can connect with Jesus:
 - Read the Bible, talk to Jesus, listen to Jesus, worship, follow Jesus, live like him, serve and help others, obey what God says, etc.
- Now have kids think for a few minutes about the specific ways they could do these things this week. How could they specifically spend time with Jesus and be close to him? (Talk to him, be quiet and listen to him, make choices that he would make.)
- Once they've thought of those things, they can write them down or draw a picture showing what they will do, on the blank stickers. Once they're done, have them stick the blank circles somewhere on the vine.
- Remind kids about how Jesus said he's like the vine, and all the little branches on the vine are us!

*Extra Time? Give kids a **coloring page**. After that, play a game of Mother May!! Have kid line up in front of you, and let them ask you if they do various things like, "Mother May I...take 2 steps forward?" You can tell them yes, and let them move forward. Or you can say no, and tell them to do something different. The first kid to get to you wins!*

special notes

Today's script is pre-filmed! There will be lots of opportunities for kids to engage with the presenter on the screen, but we'll still need you to help kids focus and regroup anytime the presenter asks for a response from kids.

**Let us know how it goes for you too!*

presenter tips

Pay attention to how kids respond to the presenter, and how well they engage with the lesson. Respond along with them! If kids see YOU engaging directly with what the presenter says onscreen, they're much more likely to engage themselves.

script

***Click to play intro music**

WELCOME

Hey everybody! It's great to see you today. We've got a special host for Large Group. Let's see who it is!

Video: Large Group

**Dismiss kids to small groups*



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Linked arms game - No supplies needed

small group supplies

Per kid: 1 vine page (8 x 11, color), 3 blank, round stickers (Avery 5294), coloring page

Per group: markers, glue sticks

large group supplies

No supplies needed

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: March 12-13 Large Group Presentation

connect questions

Tell me about the Last Supper.
How can we be connected to Jesus?

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