

LESSON : NEEDING GOD

In this lesson, the children will learn that they need God. God is the Creator of everything, and without Him we would have nothing.

BIBLE VERSE

"Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children" Ephesians 5:1

NLT

As the children continue to memorize this verse, discuss what it means to be God's dear children. Because we belong to God, how should we act and behave.

FUN TIME

We Need God (Activity) -Attached

BIBLE STORY

Gather the children around you in preparation for story time. After the introduction, read the story about the vine and the branches right from the Bible. If possible, use a Children's Bible so it will be easier for the kids to understand.

Introduction:

How many of you like grapes? Do you like green grapes or red grapes? Well, today, after our Bible story, we will have a special treat. But first, let's find out why we even have grapes. Jesus uses the grape plant to compare our relationship to God. Jesus says that He is like the strong vine of the grape plant, and we are like the branches. He says that God is like the gardener, who takes care of the grape plant. The gardener takes good care of the grape plant so the vine has many healthy branches. When the gardener does this, what do those branches produce? You're right! They produce juicy grapes. Let's see how Jesus tells this to His disciples.

Read John 15:1-8 (The Vine and the Branches)

Discussion Questions:

1. Who does Jesus say is like the gardener?
2. Who does Jesus say is like the vine?
3. Who does Jesus say is like the branches?
4. Do you think it would be possible for a branch to grow grapes if it were sliced off from the vine?
5. What do we get because the gardener (God) takes good care of the vine and branches?
6. Do we need God to bear fruit?
7. True or false: Jesus says that if we stay connected to Him and obey God's Word, we can ask for anything that will bring glory to God, and it will be given?

FUN TIME

The Three Legged Fox (Story) -Attached

PRAYER/SNACK

For today's snack, have either grapes, grape juice and cookies, or other products made from grapes, such as grape fruit roll-ups. After giving thanks to God for creating so many delicious things we can eat or drink, continue discussing how we need God to grow and serve Him, just like the grape branch needs the vine for nourishment.

CLOSING ACTIVITY

As the children are waiting to be picked up, give them crayons or markers and more blank sheets of paper. Have them draw the different ways that God takes care of them and their family.