



Lesson Thirteen

God Makes Us More Like Jesus

Heart Preparation & Bible Background

Earlier this quarter, the children learned that only God causes good “fruit” to grow in the hearts of his people. This lesson continues the theme of fruitfulness and dependency on our heavenly Father.

In John 15, Jesus calls himself “the true vine.” His followers are branches that abide in him in trust and obedience, and the result in their lives is the abundance of good fruit God desires.

Remind your children that God draws us to himself, forgiving our sins and making us children of God. He cares for his own, sending the Holy Spirit to help us grow by applying the teachings of Jesus to our lives.

Just as a grapevine produces grapes and you can count on a healthy fig tree to yield figs in abundance, so you can see good fruit in the life of someone who is growing in the family of God. As the Holy Spirit makes them more like Christ, God’s children love others because God himself is love. God’s children forgive others out of gratitude that God has forgiven them. They serve others because Jesus Christ became a servant for their sakes. God’s children tell others about Jesus, just as Jesus preached to his disciples while he was on earth. And they pray and trust God for help because Jesus taught them to do so, and the Holy Spirit enables them.

In this final lesson of the quarter, help your children understand that only God can make them more like Jesus. As they trust and obey Jesus, they will grow more and more like him . . . bearing good fruit in the family of God.



Bible Truth

God’s children are known by their actions.

Scripture

Matthew 7:16–20

Luke 6:43–45

Matthew 28:19



Lesson Focus

God makes his children more and more like Jesus as they grow in trusting and obeying him.

Goals for the Children

- Remember what Jesus taught about living in God’s family.
- Tell what it means to act like children of God.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would help them grow in trust and obedience.



Memory Minute

Review memory work