

BIG TRUTH: JESUS IS THE VINE

1 John 5:20; John 10:10

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 15:5

"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."

BIG IDEAS

- Jesus is the true vine; we are the branches.
- We must abide in Jesus to bear fruit.
- Apart from abiding in Jesus we can do nothing.

BIBLE PASSAGE: JOHN 15:1-15

TRANSFORM: LIVING FOR JESUS

In High School, the Transform Year is an exploration of what it looks like to have transformed influence as we seek to live for a Kingdom that is greater than our own. First, we recognize that we will never be transformed if we are not Living for Jesus. To do this, we must first know who Jesus is by looking at who He says He is (John 8:58), and then look at what the Bible says about how in Him, we live by faith (James 1:6). Next, we recognize that to have transformed influence means that we must live as disciples in pursuit of Christ and His Kingdom over ourselves and our own kingdoms.

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know...

- The 8 different "I AM" statements that Jesus uses in the gospel of John.
- We will always be dissatisfied when we search for joy and life apart from Jesus.
- The value and worth of our lives is found in Jesus alone



Every student should feel...

- Awe that God would make a way for our relationship with Him through Jesus.
- Convicted of the lies that they are tempted to believe about Jesus.
- Responsible to use their influence for Jesus alone.



Every student should strive to...

- Read the entire gospel of John.
- Memorize the Bible verse each week.
- Practice sharing the truth about who Jesus is using the 'I Am' statements from Scripture



Every student should want to...

- Grow in their understanding of who Jesus is.
- Abide in Christ deeper than they ever have before.
- Be known for how they point people to Jesus with their lives

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter the truth that Jesus is the vine and apart from Him we can do nothing. We will pray with them to have a desire to bear eternal fruit. We will lead them to practice living for Him and abiding in Him daily.

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Read John 15:1-11 and answer these questions to help you discuss this passage with your son or daughter:

- Why does Jesus use the analogy of the vine and vinedresser in John 15:1-2? How is Jesus the vine? How is God the Father the vinedresser? How are believers the branches?
- What is the fruit that believers bear when they abide in Jesus? What does it mean to abide in Jesus?

Read and meditate on John 15:1-11 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:

- How can you discuss with your son or daughter what it looks like to abide in Jesus? How can you model a daily abiding in Jesus?
- Consider ways to discuss with your son or daughter the type of fruit a believer bears when they are branches of Jesus.



Pray with your son or daughter this week.

- Pray for their hearts to desire to abide in Jesus every day.
- Pray with your student this week. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide them to grow in Him and to bear much fruit for Him.



Discuss with your son or daughter ways that you evaluate your own life and the fruit you bear.

- Discuss ways that he or she can evaluate their lives and challenge them to seek God daily in order to bear fruit for Him. Help them come up with a plan to spend time with God each day in order to abide in Him.
- Discuss with your student ways that you abide in Jesus daily. Share your own method of studying and praying and how you seek to know Jesus. Challenge your student to develop his or her own time of daily study and prayer in order to abide in Jesus.