

## **BIG TRUTH: ABIDE OR DIE**

John 5:24-26; Colossians 1:17; 1 John 2:6; 1 John 2:28

## **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**

- In Jesus there is life.
- Apart from Jesus there is death.
- Jesus is our everything.

## **BIBLE PASSAGE: JOHN 15:1-12**

## **TRANSFORM - I AM IN CHRIST**

The Transform Year is an exploration of what it means to become a "new creation" in Jesus. (2 Corinthians 5:17) In order for this to happen, we must first find our identity in Him. Many of us live in a consistent state of identity crises. We wrestle with questions like who am I, where do I belong, why do I exist? The answer to these questions is found in Jesus. Our prayer for this semester is that like the Apostle Paul we would be able to say, "I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." (Galatians 2:20).

## **SERIES AIMS**



### **Every student should know that...**

- God is the vine, and they are a branch.



### **Every student should feel...**

- Insufficient and inadequate at their inability to meet their own needs, while at the same time thankful and overwhelmed by an all-sufficient Savior who satisfies.



### **Every student should strive to...**

- Memorize Gal 2:20, read and meditate on John 15:1-15, and pursue an abiding relationship with Jesus together with leaders and others in their church.



### **Every student should want to...**

- Abide in Jesus and to aim higher in their personal pursuit of Him.

## **FAMILY WORKOUT**

Jesus is our only source of life because He is the true vine. This week we will ponder what it means to abide in Christ and to bear fruit for Him. We will pray that God will help us abide in Christ more fully and we will practice abiding in Him by reading His Word and praying.



**Meditate upon John 15 this week. Include John 5:24-26 in your meditation.**

- Consider the truths presented in these verses. How do you abide in Christ daily? How can you be an example to your child in abiding in Christ?
- In what ways can you lead your child to abide in Christ daily?

**Consider the fruit you are bearing.**

- Is your fruit good fruit or bad fruit?
- How can your fruit be good fruit?
- In what ways can you lead your child to abide in Christ so that he or she might bear good fruit?
- Consider how to share with your child the importance of depending upon Christ for our life.



**Set aside a time each day to pray with your child this week.**

- During your time of prayer, ask God to help your family abide in Him.
- Ask God to show you ways that your family is not abiding in Him and ways you can abide in Him.
- Ask God to help your family to bear good fruit for Him.

**Pray for your child every day this week.**

- Ask God to help your child grow in his or her knowledge of God through abiding in Him daily.
- Ask God to help you lead your child to abide in Christ through the example of abiding in Him yourself.



**As a family, create a list of ways that Jesus gives you life.**

- Have a conversation with your son or daughter about how false saviors lead to spiritual death and how Jesus gives us life.
- Share with your child some of the things you have looked to for joy or to find life that have led to disappointment.
- Help your child create a list of verses that show that God provides life and sustains it.

**Share with your child some of the ways you abide in Jesus that are found in His Word.**

- Share with your child that way that you abide in Jesus through your study of His Word and through prayer.
- Help your child make a list of ways found in the Bible of how he or she can abide in Jesus daily.