

STD 4 Lesson Plan

Lesson No.1: Jesus the Source of Life

Objective:

Students will understand that Jesus is the source of spiritual life and growth, and they will learn the importance of abiding in Him through obedience to His words.

Introduction (Starter - 5 minutes):

Start the lesson with an engaging story that illustrates the importance of staying connected to Jesus. For example:

Share a story about a plant that was withering because it wasn't receiving enough sunlight and water.

Explain how moving the plant to a sunny spot and watering it regularly helped it thrive again.

Relate this to the lesson by explaining that just like plants need sunlight and water to grow, we need Jesus to give us life and help us grow spiritually.

- Ask students if they have ever seen a vine or a grapevine.
- Explain that in today's lesson, they will learn about Jesus comparing Himself to a vine and us to its branches.

Presentation of the Topic (15 minutes):

Summarize the main points of the chapter:

- Explain Jesus' analogy of Himself as the true vine and believers as the branches, emphasizing that we receive life from Him.
- Discuss the importance of staying connected to Jesus through obedience to His words to bear good fruit.
- Explain that when we abide in Jesus, we are connected to Him and receive His life-giving power.
- Discuss what happens when branches are not connected to the vine (they wither and die), highlighting the importance of staying connected to Jesus.

Read and discuss key **Bible verses from John 15:1-10** to reinforce the concepts.

Practical Application (10 minutes):

Guide students in reflecting on how they can abide in Jesus and obey His words in their daily lives.

Encourage them to think of specific actions they can take, such as praying, reading the Bible, or showing kindness to others.

Discuss the importance of bearing good fruit, such as showing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (**Galatians 5:22-23**).

Emphasize the importance of obeying Jesus' words to remain connected to Him

Bible Verse (5 minutes):

Introduce **John 15:5** as the memory verse for the lesson:

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit.”

Encourage students to memorize and reflect on this verse throughout the week.

Activity (10 minutes):

Provide each student with a paper cutout of a vine and branches.

Ask them to write or draw one way they can abide in Jesus and bear fruit as His followers on the branches.

For example, they could write "pray daily" or "help others in need."

Display their creations in the classroom as a visual reminder of their commitments.

Closure (5 minutes):

Summarize the main points of the lesson and reiterate the importance of staying connected to Jesus to receive divine life.

Encourage students to apply what they've learned by loving Jesus, obeying His words, and bearing fruit in their lives.

End with a short prayer, thanking Jesus for being the source of our spiritual life and asking for His help to remain connected to Him.

Homework (optional):

Encourage students to continue memorizing John 15:5 throughout the week and to think about one way they can obey Jesus' words each day.