

WEEK 4

GOD IS HOLY

GOD'S SPIRIT HELPS US LIVE HOLY

PRIMARY LESSON GUIDE

THE FOUR KEYS

KEY VERSE

If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. John 14:15

KEY IDEAS

1. God gives us His Holy Spirit when we put our faith in Jesus.
2. The Holy Spirit lives in our hearts.
3. God's Holy Spirit helps us follow His commands.

KEY PASSAGE

John 15:1-8

KEY PRINCIPLES



EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW . . .

we receive the Holy Spirit when we are saved by faith.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL . . .

thankful for the Holy Spirit who helps us live holy.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO . . .

explain the purpose of God's commands.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD WANT . . .

to obey God's Word and be changed by His Spirit.

INTRODUCTION

God is holy. This means that He is separate, or set apart, from all of creation. There is nothing else like Him in all of the universe and there is nothing that could ever compare to Him! He is complete and perfect in every way! God commanded His people to be "holy just as He is holy." God desires us to be holy because He desires for us to have perfect fellowship with Him. He is the giver of life and of every good thing. On our own, as sinners, we can never be holy, but God gave us His law to show us who He is and that we need Him. God's law shows us that it is only by His grace that we can be saved through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus on the cross for our sins.

OPENING ILLUSTRATION

Begin class by bringing in a bag of grapes. Ask, "What is this? How do grapes grow?" Explain that grapes are attached to a vine that collects water and nutrients and sunlight to help them grow. "What happens when a grape falls off the vine?" Show them a grape from the bag that has fallen off the vine and looks withered. The ripe ones are good but the withered ones are squishy and eventually become moldy. In life, we are the grapes and Jesus is the vine. As long as we stay close to Him, we will live and do good, but when we are far from Him, we fall into sin and sin leads to death. Sin makes us like the withered grape! *** NOTE: CHOKING HAZARD. ONLY USE GRAPES AS AN ILLUSTRATION, NOT A SNACK. ***

STORY

Read John 15:1-8.

On our own, we cannot be holy. We need God to help us live holy and choose to do the things that honor Him instead of our sin. That is why we must stay close to Jesus, the vine! Through our relationship with Him and by the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we can live holy as God is holy.

We stay close to our True Vine (Jesus) by reading His Word and obeying it, praying, and living our lives in a church community of other believers who will help us when we are struggling. God has given us each other so that when life is hard, we can show love and encourage each other!

ACTIVITY

Play "Stay Connected". Instruct the children to line up and hold hands (teacher included) to form a vine. The teacher will then lead the "vine" throughout the classroom area. The object of the game is for everyone to stay connected to the vine! If anyone lets go, they must sit back down. The teacher should weave back and forth, going fast and then slow, to make the game more challenging.

PRAYER

Thank God that He has given us His Spirit and His Word to help us live for Him. Ask God to help you stay connected to Jesus, the True Vine.

SONG

10 Commandments by KidVue Songs

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

Galatians 5:22-23, 1 John 3:9-10, 2 Corinthians 3:6

ACTIVITY

Using the craft sheet and instructions in your take home packet, help you child color, cut, and glue the fruits of the Spirit. Use the discussion questions below to guide your time. Talk about the meaning of John 15:1-8.

DISCUSSION

- Who has God's Spirit?
Anyone who admits they are a sinner, believes that Jesus is God's Son and that He died and rose to pay the penalty for our sin, and confesses that Jesus is Lord of their life.
- How does God's Spirit help us live holy?
When we accept Jesus as our Savior, the Holy Spirit comes to live within us and helps us see how the consequences of our sin. The Holy Spirit changes our desires from only wanting our sin to wanting to obey and follow God. We won't always do it perfectly and will still be tempted to sin, but our debt has been paid in Jesus and we can choose to do the next right thing!

PRAYER

Thank God for His Holy Spirit who helps us live holy and follow His commands. Ask God to help you understand your sin and ask for forgiveness.

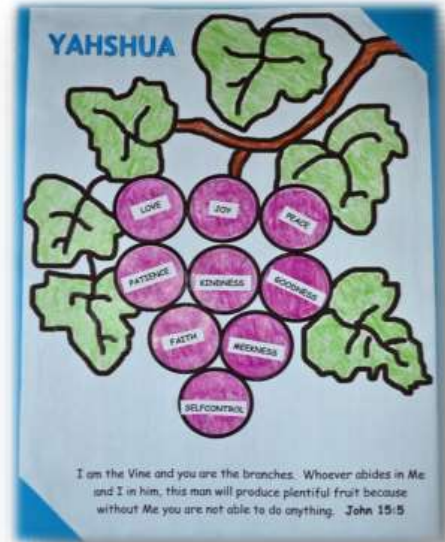
VINE and BRANCHES CRAFT

But the fruit of the Spirit is: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control. Against such things there is no instruction.

Galatians 5:22-23

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Crayons, Colored Pencils or Paint
- Glue
- Scissors
- Sheet of construction paper of your choice for a frame



HOW TO DO:

1. Color picture of Vine and Grapes
2. Cut out the Fruit of the Spirit labels
3. Glue labels to the grapes
4. Cut out the frame around the picture
5. Glue the picture to the construction paper

Fruit of the Spirit LABELS:

LOVE

JOY

PEACE

PATIENCE

KINDNESS

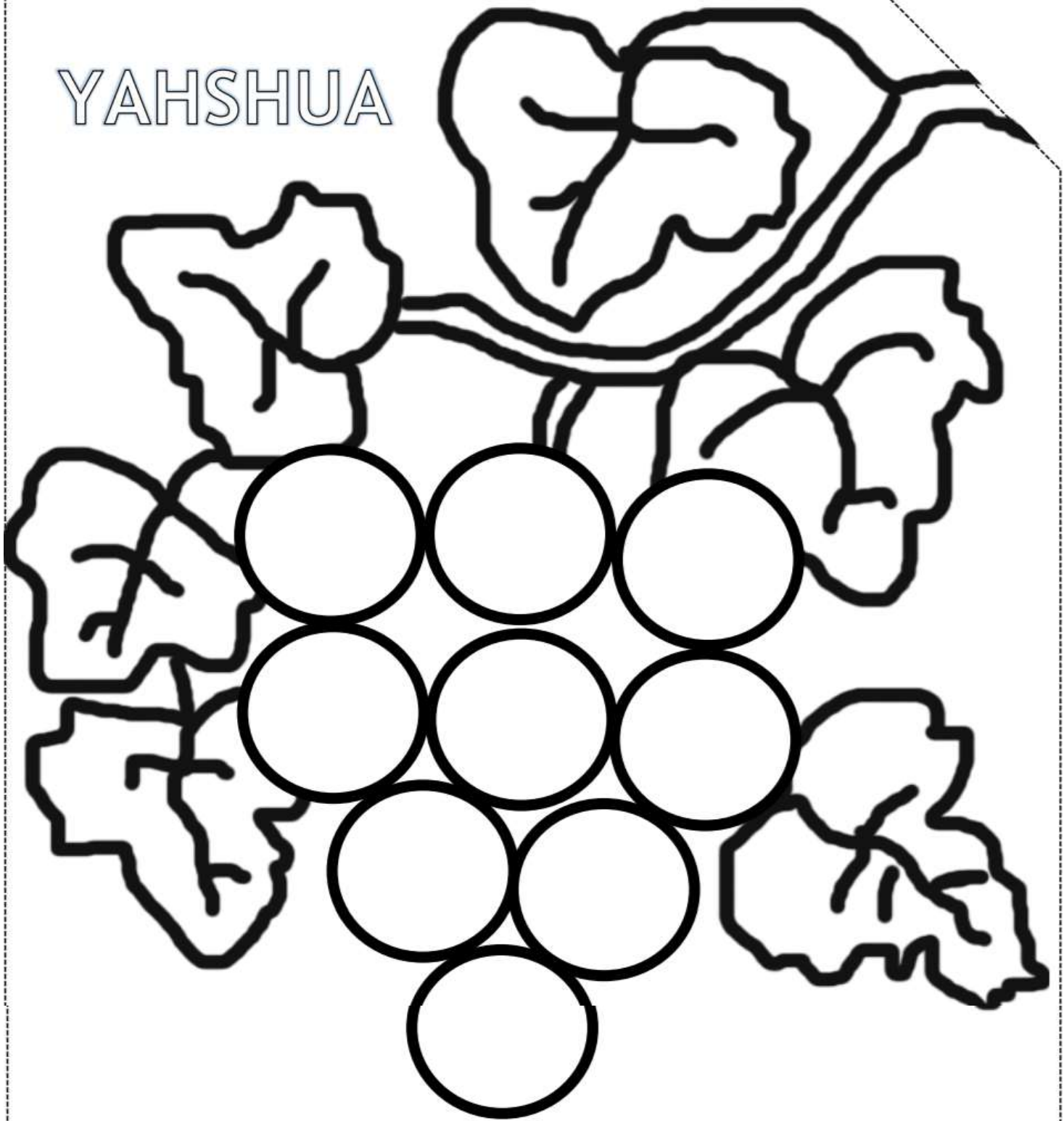
GOODNESS

FAITH

MEEKNESS

SELF-CONTROL

YAHSHUA



I am the Vine and you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, this man will produce plentiful fruit because without Me you are not able to do anything. **John 15:5**