

MD KIDS CURRICULUM: THE BASICS

Week Four: How Can We Live?

To the Teacher:

This month we will be reminding ourselves who we are at Missio Dei and what we believe. We will do this by using four questions: Who is God, What has He done, Who are we in light of this, and How can we now live? The Goal is that we can better understand ourselves as we more fully see God.

- **Big Idea:** Because we are a new creation in Christ, we have the freedom and power to live a new way.
- **Question:** If I were to give you a bowl of ice cream and two choices; either enjoy the ice cream or let it melt, which would you choose? Or if I gave you \$1million to either throw away or spend it, which would you choose? The identity Christ has given us is an amazing gift that too many times we ignore or waste. How can we live out our new identity as a Family of Servant Missionaries Learning to follow Jesus?
- **Starter:** BLESS Rhythms
As God's people, we are blessed to be a blessing. We can use the word BLESS to remind us ways we can live to bless God and others. Each letter stands for another word: **B**less - **L**isten - **E**at - **S**peak - **S**abbath

Raise your hand if you've eaten this week? Did you speak at all? Listen to anyone? Did you rest or play? Did you have a chance to help someone? All of these are normal rhythms of life, but when we do them on purpose to serve God and people, we start to look more like Jesus and the people God made us to be.

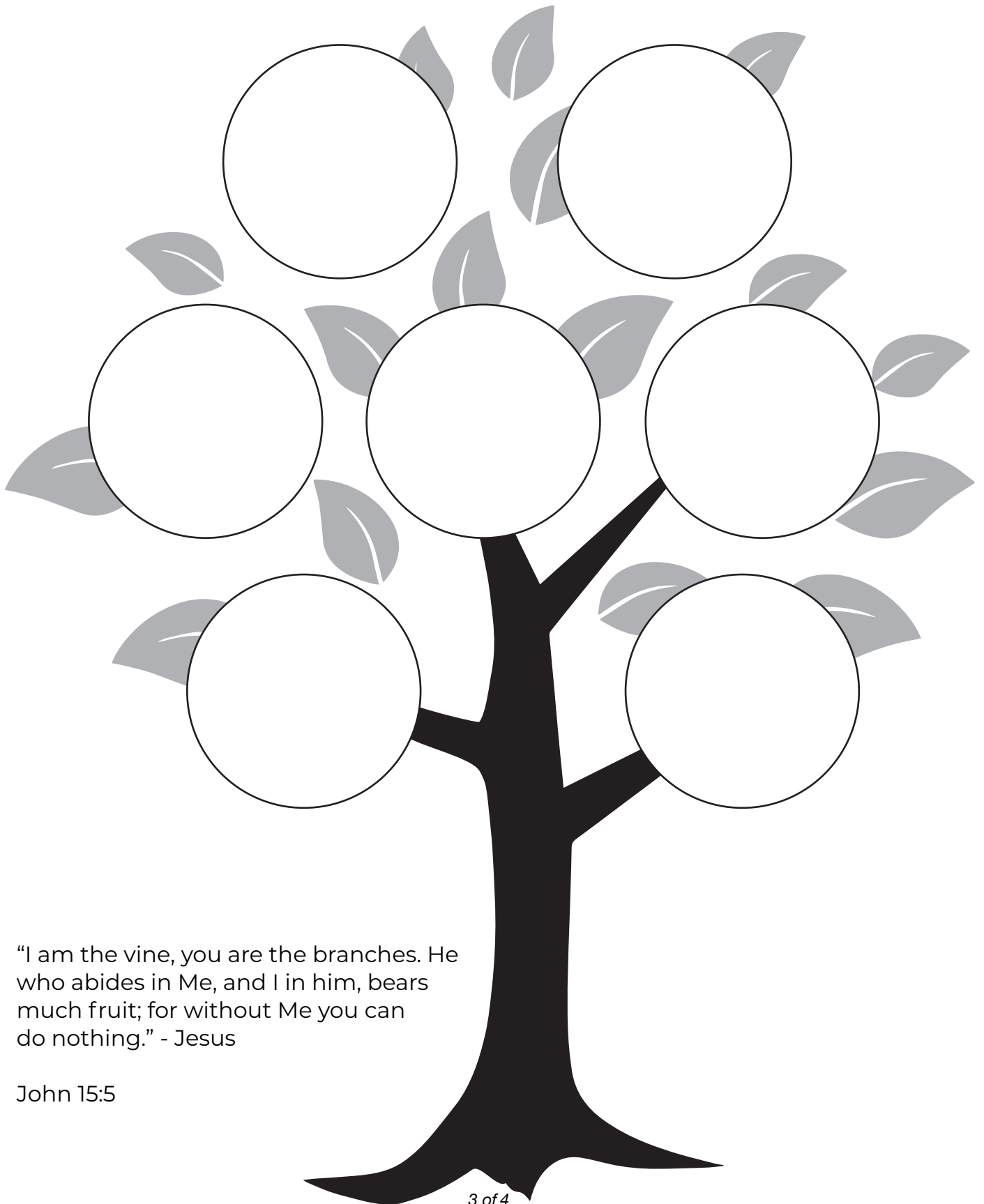
- **Scripture: Acts 2:42-47**
***Have the kids listen for the **rhythms** God's people live out*
42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **43** Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. **44** All the believers were together and had everything in common. **45** They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. **46** Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, **47** praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

[Things to Point Out]

- **Bless**
 - They shared their belongings *“all things in common”* - v44
 - *“sold property and possessions to give to those in need”* - v45
 - **Listen**
 - They learned from the story of Jesus *“devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching”* - v42
 - They gathered together to worship *“they continued to meet together in the temple courts”* - v46
 - **Eat**
 - *“breaking of the bread”* - v42
 - *“They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts”* - v46
 - **Speak**
 - Jesus’ followers told his story *“apostles teaching”* - v42
 - They praised God with their voices around others *“praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people”* v47
 - **Sabbath**
 - Eating together is a form of rest and sabbath
 - They enjoyed different aspects of life God created *“enjoying the favor of all the people”* v47
- **Prayer:**
 Father, thank You we have a new identity because of what Jesus has done. Thank You we now have the power of Your Spirit to live like Jesus too. Help us to look more and more like Your children every day. Amen.
 - **Craft:** By Our Fruit
 - Use the attached tree diagram for kids to color and decorate. Have them write in different ways they can live out the BLESS rhythms on the fruit of the tree.
 - OR you can use the attached BLESS Rhythms grid for the older kids. They can take it home and fill out how they will practice each BLESS rhythm this week with God, their family, and someone who does not yet know Jesus.
 - **BLESS Activity:**
For kids to do during the week
 - **BLESS:** What ways can you and your family be a blessing to God and others this week by using the BLESS rhythms?

Gospel Basics for Kids

Luke 6:44, "Each tree is known by its own fruit."



"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." - Jesus

John 15:5

BLESS RHYTHMS



GOD	FAMILY	OTHERS
<p>Bless We have been blessed by Christ to be a blessing for Christ</p>	<p>Who will I bless with words or actions?</p>	<p>Who will I bless with words or actions?</p>
<p>Listen <i>God has heard our cries so we listen to others</i></p>	<p>Who will I love by listening to their story?</p>	<p>Who will I love by listening to their story?</p>
<p>Eat <i>The Story ends with a banquet - we share meals as a foretaste</i></p>	<p>Who will I share a meal or drink with?</p>	<p>Who will I share a meal or drink with?</p>
<p>Speak <i>The gospel word has been spoken to us so we speak it to others</i></p>	<p>Who will I share good news with?</p>	<p>Who will I share good news with?</p>
<p>Sabbath <i>We have rest in God and we celebrate His goodness to us</i></p>	<p>Who & when will I rest with God?</p>	<p>Who will I rest with and celebrate God's blessings?</p>