

Take Action: Treasure Hunt

This activity encourages children to think about the fact that we can all become fruitful members of the Lord's vine by living according to the truths of His Word.

Materials Needed for Class:

- copy of the Word
- seedless grapes
- bowl for grapes
- long length of yarn or string
- space large enough to have a treasure hunt (This is an excellent activity to do outside.)



Preparation Needed Ahead of Time

- Wash the grapes and cut into small clumps. Put the clumps into a bowl.
- Set up the treasure hunt before class. Look for a good place to safely hide a bowl of grapes. This will be the finish of the hunt. Once you know your end point, find a place to put the Word that is some distance away from the end point. Attach one end of your string to the Word. Then wind the other end around furniture or, if outside, playground equipment or bushes. Make the path of the yarn interesting and set the level of difficulty depending on the capabilities of the children in your group.

Activity

1. Gather children around the Word. Explain that everything we need to lead a happy life is in the Lord's Word. Ask them to brainstorm some of the things that the Lord teaches. For example:
 - The Lord made each one of us.
 - He loves us all the time.
 - He tells us to *do* or *obey* His commandments.
 - We should love one another.
2. *What happens when we do what the Lord teaches?* (We become angels in heaven)
3. Build anticipation by asking questions and encouraging guessing. *See a string coming from the Word. This string leads to something that will show us what happens when we follow the Lord's teachings. What do you think it could be?*
4. *Let's go together and see where it leads!*
5. Follow the string until the children discover the grapes. *Look at what we found! It's just like our story! If we follow the Lord's teachings, we will be like good fruit growing from His vine!*
6. Invite the children to share the grapes. Talk about how juicy and sweet they are—just like the good deeds we do from the Lord.