

COLLIDE | W4

COLLIDE — September (Week Four)

9:15AM Service

9:25 - 9:40 AM: Arrival and Game Time

- Kids arrive and engage in a fun game to help them settle in and socialize.

9:40 - 9:45 AM: Worship

- Dedicated to worship time.

9:45 - 10:05 AM: Bible Story

- Bible story time varies anywhere from 10-17 minutes.

10: 05ish - 10:25 AM: Small Group Time

- Kids break into small groups for discussion, activities, or crafts that relate to the Bible story or theme of the day.

10:25 AM: Dismissal

11:00AM Service

11:10 - 11:25 AM: Arrival and Game Time

Kids arrive and engage in a fun game to help them settle in and socialize.

11:25 - 11:30 AM: Worship

- Dedicated to worship time.

11:30 - 11:50 AM: Bible Story

- Bible story time varies anywhere from 10-17 minutes.

11:50ish - 12:10 PM: Small Group Time

- Kids break into small groups for discussion, activities, or crafts that relate to the Bible story or theme of the day.

12:10 PM: Dismissal



Bible Story

The Vine and the Branches • *John 15:1-11*

Conversation Starter

What is standing in the way of you and Jesus?

Bottom Line

I can grow when I stay close to God

Memory Verse

My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me. • *John 10:27 NIV*

Large Group Opener

LARGE GROUP

Optional Video: Countdown

Optional Video: Theme Loop

OPENER

HOST: "What's up, everyone! Raise your hand if you're feeling ready to get things started right now. Okay ... some of you. That's alright. We're going to fix that right now!

"Turn to someone near you and give them your best, 'Let's do this!' Big energy. Go!

"That was good, but I think you've got more. Turn to someone else and give them the most over-the-top, dramatic, 'Let's do this!' you can. Yes, that's what I'm talking about. Now we're ready! It's going to be a great day—we're going to learn about growing close to God by staying close to God.

All month long, we've been in a series called: 'Frequency—Learning to Hear from God!'

"So before we do anything else today, let's warm up with some of the questions you have

Question Time with the Kids

Answer questions from Question Wheel,

Tell them to write down questions they may have, or they can just ask by raising their hands.

Let's dive into some questions that you have!

"It's time to get on your feet and tell God that we love Him in worship together!"

Worship

WORSHIP

HOST: "No matter what kind of week we had—good or maybe not so good—the truth is that God loves each of us dearly and that's something to celebrate!

"Don't be afraid to worship God with your voices! I want to hear you sing it with me!"

VIDEO: "(Lyric Video)"

"Great worshipping! No matter where we are or what is happening, we can trust that God is always with us.

Let's go ahead and sit down and hear our true story from the Bible today!"

VIDEO: Bible Story W4

Bible Story

AFTER BIBLE STORY

HOST: "Jesus showed us that our job is not to try harder or do more. Our job is to stay connected.

"The truth is, Jesus is already with you. You do not have to go find Him somewhere else.

But it is possible to go through your day and not really pay attention to Him. If we want to grow, we have to stay close.

"That can look really simple. Turn your heart toward Him. When you decided to follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Jesus' very Spirit, came to live inside of you. Jesus is with you through His Spirit every moment of every day. So, do what you can to remember that you are going through life with Him.

"In any situation, you can pray, 'Okay, Jesus, I know You are with me. Guide me and lead me right now. I want to do what You would do.' You can talk to Him, even if it's just for a few seconds.

"You can also stay connected to the vine by spending time with God and reading the Bible. By getting to know who He is and what He likes so you can follow Him better.

He told us that we'd remain in His love when we obey His commands. So obeying Jesus, doing what He would do, will keep us close to Him.

"Staying connected is not about being perfect. You will not do this perfectly, and that's okay. What matters is that you keep coming back and choosing to stay close.

"So this week, don't focus on doing everything right. Focus on staying close, one small moment at a time.

"Our job is simple—just stay close to the vine. We can leave the rest to Him! He produces the growth, and He will produce the fruit! So let's go through life as close to Him as we can be."

HOST: "Today, we talked about Jesus being our source. He talked about how He is the vine and we are the branches, and that apart from Him we can't do anything.

We *need* Jesus in our lives! When we stay close to Him, when we make Him our source, He begins to transform our lives from the inside out. He changes our hearts, and we begin to bear the fruit that He wants us to.

"It's here that we can experience growth!

"And that's what our Bottom Line today is all about! Let's say it out.

[Bottom Line] "I can grow when I stay close to God. Let's say that together this time!"

KIDS AND HOST: [Bottom Line] "I can grow when I stay close to God."

HOST: "Amen and amen. Everyone check out this question I want you to think about!

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

[Conversation Starter] "What is standing in the way of you and Jesus?"

"Like we've talked about, no one is perfect. We all drift away from God from time to time—it's a part of being a human.

"What's also human is turning toward other things to be the source of our wholeness, peace, and joy. It could be success in grades or sports or whatever! But we weren't made to run on those things. So seek closeness to Jesus above anything else.

Take time to pause this week and ask God to help you remember that He is with you. Let's go ahead and pray to God now!

Host does an Alter Call

HOST: Today, I want to give you a very special opportunity.

Do you know how much Jesus loves you?

Jesus loves you so much! He gave His life on the cross and came back to life so He can be with you forever.

He wants to be your best friend, your Savior, and help you every single day.

Maybe you feel something special in your heart right now.

That's Jesus saying, 'I love you. I want to be with you.'

You don't have to be perfect or know everything.

You just need to say yes to Jesus.

If you've never asked Jesus to be your Savior, and you want to invite Him into your heart today, you can pray with me.

And if you've already done this before, you can pray again to remember how much He loves you."

Salvation Prayer (Repeat After Me)

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for loving me.

Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins.

I believe You rose again and You are alive.

I want You to be my Savior and my best friend.

Come into my heart today.

Help me follow You every day.

I love You, Jesus.

Amen.

Thank You for showing us that Your love never runs out, that it's powerful enough to heal, restore, and change lives. Help us be brave enough to reach out.

Help us stay connected to You this week. Show us the people who need Your love. Give us the courage to be with the people who are left out this week.

We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

HOST: If you prayed that prayer for the first time today — we're SO proud of you! That is the best decision you'll ever make.

Please let your leader know, because we want to celebrate with you!

*After prayer, Host can continue question time with kids (no small groups)
If questions ever run out, you can use discussion questions provided*

Discussion Questions

[Conversation Starter] What is standing in the way of you and Jesus?

- Why do you think Jesus chose to use a vine and branches to teach His followers to stay connected to Him?
- Why is it important to stay connected to Jesus?
- What can help you stay connected to Jesus?