

## LESSON OVERVIEW

**Big Idea:** We need a good root system to grow big and strong

**Key Question:** What happens if our roots are bad?

**Memory Verse:** "Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong." **Ephesians 3:17**

**Overview:** We're continuing in our series called "Get Rich". We're not talking about getting rich with money. We're talking about being rich in God's love. We've been looking at the book of Ephesians and some important lessons Paul teaches us about our relationship with God. We've already learned that when we trust in Jesus, we are adopted into God's family and that we need to get to know God more to realize how great he is. We've also learned about God's grace and peace. Today, we're going to learn about having good roots. Have you ever thought about how a tree grows? A tree needs good roots to drink up the water so the tree can grow. The better the roots, the bigger the tree. Did you know that's how it works for us, too? We need to have good roots to grow big and strong as a Christian. Here are 3 key roots we need: 1. Faith—a strong relationship with God 2. Family—we need family to love us, care for us and to teach us. 3. Friends—we need good friends that encourage us to honor God. If we have these roots established in our lives, we can grow up strong and understand how rich we are in God's love.

## CLASSROOM AGENDA

5 min **PLAY:** Begin working on Activity Page #1.

5 min **WARM UP:** Have you ever tried to grow something? (garden, tree, flower). What did you do to make it grow? Did it grow? Why or why not?

5 min **PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea and Memory Verse and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1. (if applicable)

20 min **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to small group to finish this guide.

5 min **RECAP:** Read the **Lesson Overview** from the Teacher's Guide to the class and then **answer** the KEY QUESTION.

5 min **EXPLORE:** Read [Colossians 2:6-7](#). What are some things you can do to grow in your faith? Why should we be thankful?

10 min **PLAY:** Do the group activity from Activity Page #2.

5 min **CLOSE:**

- Share prayer requests and pray as a class.
- Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents.

## TEACHER TIPS

**2nd-5th puzzle key:** God, faith, grow, family. Message: Have good roots

A healthy plant or tree will grow when it's healthy. It needs to have good soil, lots of water and tender loving care. We need to have good roots in order to grow in God's love.

**Answer: We'll be "sick" and unable to grow**

Just like a tree, if we don't have good roots we won't be able to grow. Bad roots would mean the following: we don't care about God or his opinion, we don't want to obey our parents and we hang around with friends that want us to do bad stuff. If those are the roots in your life, you won't be able to grow strong and healthy. You'll be "sick" with disobedience, bad thoughts, a selfish heart, and be far from God..

**Bonus Questions:** What are some other examples of bad roots that could make us sick?

**4-5th:** Why do we need to be careful with the kind of friends we choose? How can our friends lead us astray?

To grow in our faith means we get to know God more. We do that by **reading the Bible** and spending time **praying** everyday. It means **going to church** and worshipping God with other Christians and **helping others**. When we understand just how great God is, and all that he's done for us, we will be very thankful. We will realize just how blessed and rich we are in God.

Make sure kids bring their Family guide home or tell them to go online to [pursueGOD.org/kids](http://pursueGOD.org/kids) to find this week's lesson.

# ACTIVITY PAGE #2

Classroom Activities 2nd-5th

## Option #1

### Grow Big and Strong Tree Craft

- Give each kid a tree template (**page 5**).
- Give each kid a ½ piece of construction paper.
- Have kids glue the tree onto the construction paper.
- Have kids color the trunk and branches of the tree.
- Give kids finger paints and have them dip their fingertips into the paint and stamp their prints onto the tree branches to look like leaves. Allow them to be creative with their colors.
- Then have kids glue the saying at the base of the tree and remind them that they need faith in God, family and good friends to help them grow big and strong.

### Supplies needed

- Tree template (pg 5), pre cut, 1 set per kid
- Construction paper, cut in halves, 1 per kid
- Glue
- Crayons
- Finger paint

### Bonus Activity:

Play **Bible Hangman**.

**Words or phrases:** Ephesians, Get rich, Bible

## Option #2

### Bible Jeopardy

- Divide the class into two teams. Give each team a bell or ringer.
- Ask a question from below. The first team to ring in gets a chance to answer. If correct, they get a point. If wrong, the other team gets a chance to steal for a bonus point.
- Team with the most points wins.

Questions:

1. Who wrote the book of Ephesians? (Paul)
2. What's the name of the book full of God's words? (Bible)
3. What is the Big Idea today? (see teacher notes)
4. Who died for your sins? (Jesus)
5. What happens when we put our trust in Jesus? (adopted into God's family)
6. What book of the Bible have we been learning about? (Ephesians)
7. Who should we get to know more and more? (God)
8. What can't we brag about? (God's grace)
9. What does peace mean? (make friends not enemies)
10. What are the roots we need to grow strong? (faith, family, friends)

### Supplies needed

- Bells or ringers

### Bonus Activity:

Play **Find the Book**.

Have the class divide into pairs. Give each pair a Bible. Have them race to find the books below. First to find has to say if it's in the OT or NT

Books: 1 Kings, Proverbs, Acts

# How Deep Do Your Roots Go? | Get Rich #5 (Kids)

 [www.pursuegod.org/how-deep-do-your-roots-go-get-rich-5-kids/](http://www.pursuegod.org/how-deep-do-your-roots-go-get-rich-5-kids/)

Hey kids! Today we're in week 5 of our Ephesians series, and we going to learn about roots. You know, like roots on a tree. They're pretty important, right? A tree can't grow if it doesn't have good roots. The roots are how a tree drinks up the water so it can grow up big and strong. The deeper the roots, the healthier the tree! It works the same with us.

## We need a good root system so we can grow big and strong

That's what Paul says in the book of Ephesians. It happens to be our memory verse:

***Ephesians 3:17** Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.*

The first root is \_\_\_\_\_

The second root is \_\_\_\_\_

The third root is \_\_\_\_\_

*[Related: [How Stuff Works – Friendship](#)]*

Answers: *faith, family, friends*

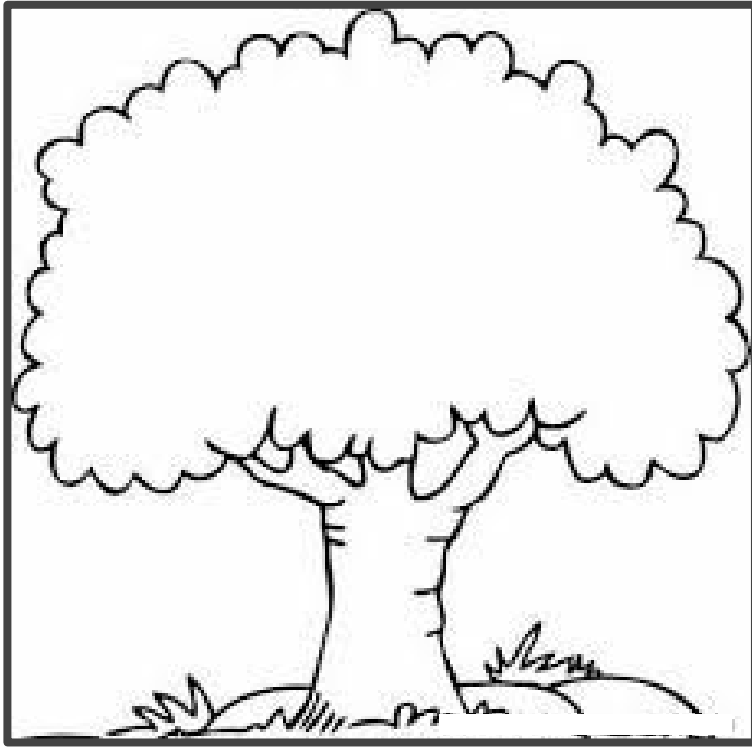
### Questions:

1. *What was your favorite part of the video? What is one thing you learned from the video?*
2. *Have you ever tried to grow something? (garden, tree, flower). What did you do to make it grow? Did it grow? Why or why not?*
3. *What are the 3 roots we need to grow big and strong?*
4. *How does the root of faith help us to grow?*
5. *How do our parents help us to grow?*
6. *How can friends stop us from growing?*
7. *Read [Colossians 2:6-7](#). What are some things you can do to grow in your faith? Why should we be thankful?*
8. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

### Bonus Questions: Use these passages to have more conversations this week.

1. *Read [John 15:5](#). What kind of "fruit" should we grow if we're a Christian?*
2. *Read [Colossians 3:20](#). Who should we obey? Why does it please God when we obey our parents?*
3. *Read [1 Corinthians 15:33](#). How can friends lead us astray? What makes a good friend? What makes a bad friend?*

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**BIG IDEA** →

**KEY QUESTION** →

**MEMORY VERSE** →

"\_\_\_\_\_ will make his home in your  
\_\_\_\_\_ as you \_\_\_\_\_ in him.  
Your \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ down into  
God's love and keep you strong."

**Ephesians 3:\_\_\_\_\_**

**PUZZLE #2**

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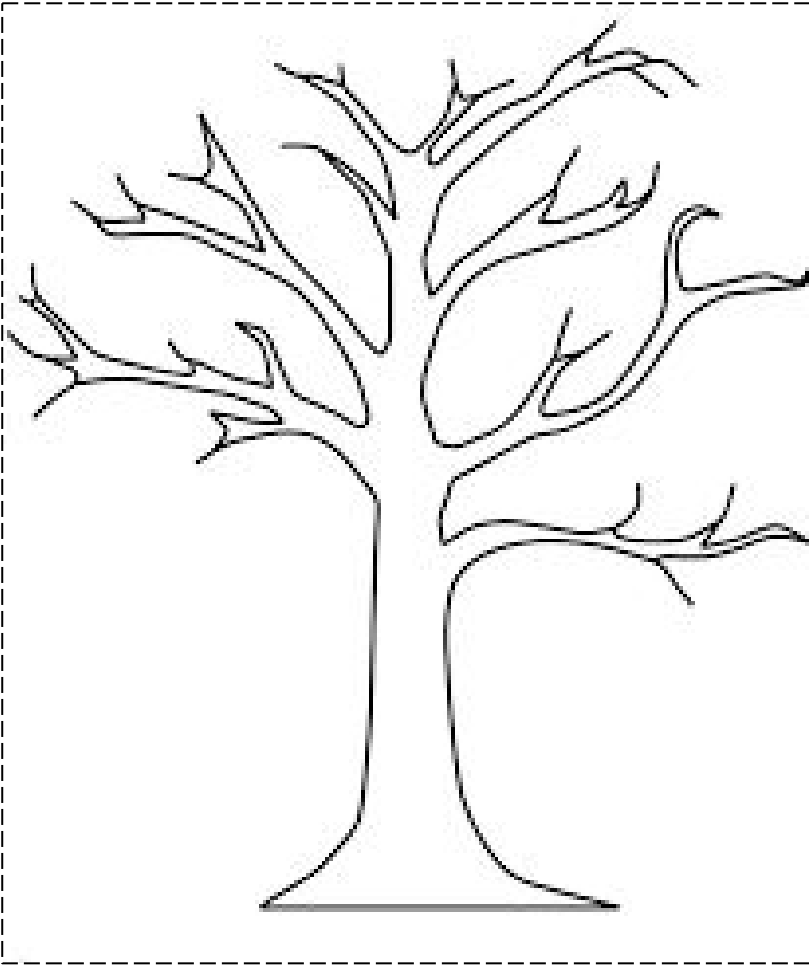
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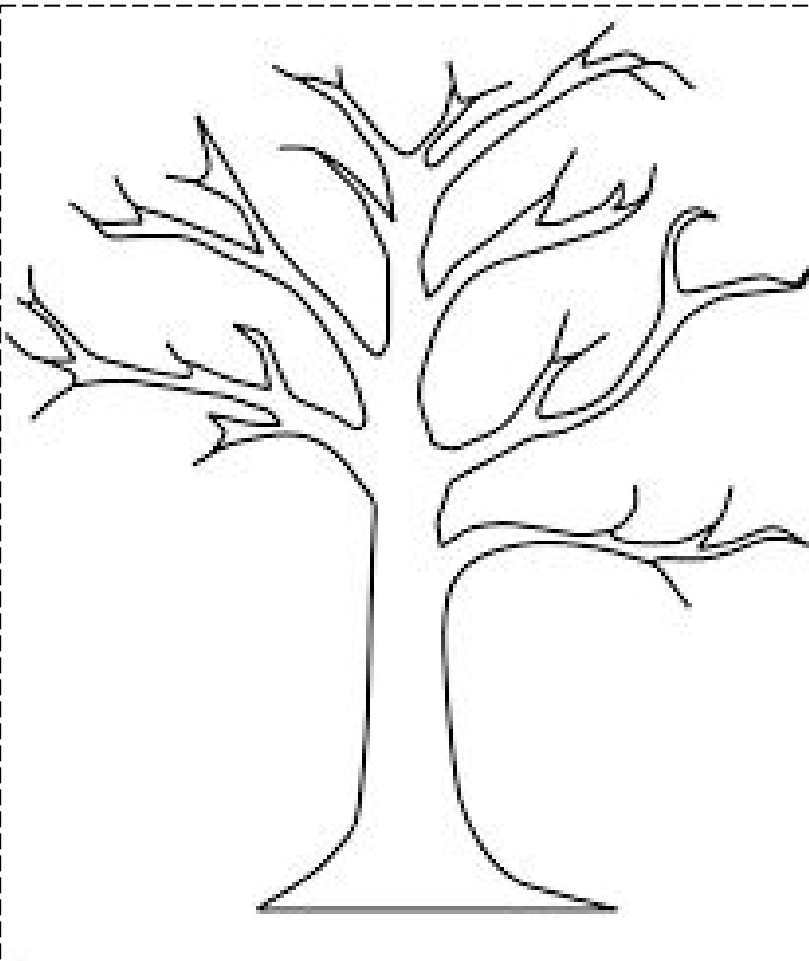
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