

# STAY CONNECTED TO JESUS

## LEADER GUIDE



## 2021-2022— SEASON 27

Welcome to a new school year and the 27th season of *Kids Connection*! This season join us in welcoming new hosts Olivia and Jake and thanking Nina and Christian! Pastor Tony Schultz goes to the farm for some biblical lessons, and we have many MY SCHOOL stories to share. Please continue to tell us what is unique about your grade school, Sunday school, early childhood ministry, etc. Send MY SCHOOL e-mails to [kidsconnection@wels.net](mailto:kidsconnection@wels.net).

It's our goal to help you all "stay connected to Jesus." What does that really mean? In our first three months we take a look at John 15 (I am the Vine; you are the branches) to encourage all of us to remain in Jesus by reading and studying his Word—then he will remain in us, and we can live our lives of faith confident in his love. We encourage you to take the time to talk to your students about what that looks like in their daily lives.

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It is our prayer that *Kids Connection* and the gospel it shares will encourage you and your students to stay connected to each other, to others in WELS, and, most importantly, to Jesus.



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# SEPTEMBER 2021

Okay, it's the standard question: How did you spend your summer? New hosts Olivia and Jake give us a glimpse into their lives by sharing a few of their summer pastimes. Maybe you spent some time on your bike? In our first story find out why a principal rode 60 miles on his bike!

Next is our first MY SCHOOL story of the season. Students from St. Marcus

in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, encouraged others to stay connected to Jesus by painting passages and special messages on wood that was then used to build a home.

Finally, Pastor Tony Schultz heads to the farm for a lesson on God's creative power from guineafowl.

**"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener" (John 15:1).**

## QUESTIONS TO SPARK DISCUSSION

1. How DID you spend your summer?
2. How can you praise God when you're exercising or painting (or whatever you're doing)?

# OCTOBER 2021

We close each month with "Stay connected to Jesus." What does that really mean? How do we stay connected to Jesus? Only the Holy Spirit creates and strengthens faith through the gospel in Word and sacrament. God wants us to connect to his Word, to faithfully read and study it. In our first story we meet some kids who are using technology to help others stay connected to Jesus.

Our second story is a MY SCHOOL story sent to us from Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, where students created a Future City. Take a look!

Finally, Pastor Tony Schultz is back at the farm with a lesson on God's Word as good seed sown on good ground.

**"Remain in me, and I am going to remain in you" (John 15:4).**

## QUESTIONS TO SPARK DISCUSSION

1. What is your favorite Bible story and why?
2. What do seeds need to grow? How does that picture of God's Word as a seed help us understand faith and the importance of studying our Bible?

# NOVEMBER 2021

In November, we celebrate Thanksgiving. Do you ever think about where your favorite foods come from, before the grocery store? Join us on a trip to a family farm where we get to see firsthand how God organized his creation and continues to give us what we need to live.

Next, we have a MY SCHOOL story of a unique service project where students made bird cookies. These cookies were not for humans to

eat; they were made with bird seed. Students hand-delivered cookies and messages of God's love to neighbors.

Finally, a four-legged friend joins Pastor Tony Schultz with a lesson on how God uniquely created the animals.

**"I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him is the one who bears much fruit, because without me you can do nothing" (John 15:5).**

## QUESTIONS TO SPARK DISCUSSION

1. What are some of your favorite Thanksgiving foods?
2. Jesus tells us he is the Vine and we are branches. Can a branch survive without a vine, its source of food and water? What is Jesus encouraging us to do?