

LET'S GROW



Let's Grow!

Series at a Glance for Kid-O-Deo

About this Series:

A seed needs dirt, water, and sunlight to grow into the plant it was created to be. Just like seeds, God made us to grow! In this series, we'll look at the five values of our church and how they can help us grow into the people God made us to be.

Memory Verse:

Colossians 1:10 – "We pray that you will grow to know God better."

Weekly Overview:

Lesson:	Title:	Big Idea:
Lesson 1: April 23/24	Live Generously Feeding 5000 – John 6:1-14	I can grow by sharing.
Lesson 2: April 30/May 1	Time With God - Prayer Daniel Prays – Daniel 6:1-28	I can grow by talking to God.
Lesson 3: May 7/8	Time with God - Bible Joshua Leads – Joshua 1:6-9	I can grow by learning about God.
Lesson 4: May 14/15	Serve Others Deacons Serve – Acts 6:1-7	I can grow by serving.
Lesson 5: May 21/22	Time With God - Worship Paul & Silas – Acts 16:16-34	I can grow by worshipping God.
Lesson 6: May 28/29	Follow Jesus Saul Follows Jesus – Acts 9	I can grow by following Jesus.
Lesson 7: June 4/5	Connect in Community Early Church – Acts 2	I can grow with others.

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Lesson 1: April 23/24

Saul was hurting others and being unkind, but everything changed when he decided to follow Jesus. Saul grew into a person who loved and served others. He started telling everyone about how they could follow Jesus, too!

Lesson 2: April 30/May 1

Spending time with God by praying is an important way we can grow closer to God. Daniel was a man who took time to pray every single day. When Daniel had a hard choice to make, he knew God was with him and would help him.

Lesson 3: May 7/8

God helps us grow closer to him through reading his words in the Bible. This week, we'll hear the story of Joshua as he was getting ready to lead God's people into the promised land. One of the important things God asked Joshua to do was keep reading the Bible.

Lesson 4: May 14/15

Serving can help us grow to be more like Jesus. We can serve in so many different ways! This week, we'll hear a story about how people in the church served others.

Lesson 5: May 21/22

We can grow closer to God by spending time worshipping him. This week, we'll hear the story of Paul and Silas and learn that we can worship God no matter what.

Lesson 6: May 28/29

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Lesson 7: June 4/5

One of the ways God helps us grow is by spending time with people who follow Jesus. The people in the first church spent a lot of time together learning about God, eating, sharing what they had, and encouraging each other. We can be part of a church community, too!

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Lesson Outline for Kid-O-Deo

Lesson 6: Follow Jesus

Lesson Segment	Total Running Time
Kid-O Playtime (10:00)	00:00-10:00
Transition Time (2:00)	
Opening Song (3:00)	
Introduction and Rules (2:00)	
Worship Song: Super Wonderful (3:00)	
Big Idea (2:00)	
Bible Adventure (6:00)	
Memory Verse (3:00)	
Worship Song: I Like To (3:00)	
Try it Out (5:00)	
Kid-O-Whampus (2:00)	
Prayer (2:00)	10:00-43:00
Transition Time (2:00)	
Group Time (15:00)	43:00-60:00



Video Cue



Slide Cue



Audio Cue



Tech Notes

Transition Time

2:00

Do This: 10 minutes after the start of the Adult Service, walk into every room that has 3-year-olds – Kindergarteners and introduce yourself. Tell Kid-Os to follow the directions of their room leaders, clean up, line up, and that you will see them in a little bit in the large group room.

Know This: *You are these Kid-Os' experience of church!* Your tone, attitude, and actions are forming the way these kids think about God, church, and even people in general. You have the opportunity through what you do and say to create an environment where they feel welcome, included, and valuable!

Opening Song

3:00



(Roll when directed) Kid-O-Deo Theme Song Video



(Auto advance) Kid-O-Deo Slide

Introduction and Rules

2:00

Welcome everyone! My name is _____, and I'm super excited to see each and every one of you! During our time together, we'll get to sing a couple fun songs, learn a memory verse, and hear an awesome story. Before we do any of that, there are three important things for you to remember.

Know This: This is a great opportunity to set the tone and expectations for your time together. Kids like to know what's expected of them too—it helps them feel safe and secure. You can make this section informative, helpful, and fun all at the same time!

Rule #1: When I'm talking you are listening!

Let's put on our listening ears and turn them way up! On the count of three, let's practice our very best listening. Ready? 1, 2, 3!

Rule #2: Keep your hands and feet to yourself!

Let's hold up our hands and wiggle our fingers! Now, give a little clap and put your hands in your lap!

Rule #3: Stay in your spot!

You have a spot of your very own here in Kid-O-Deo, and it's right where you are sitting! It's important for us to stay in our spots, so that everyone can pay attention and have fun!

Great job listening to our rules. The rules are really great because they can help us learn and have lots of fun while we're here.

Worship

3:00

Now, we all get to sing a fun song together! Let's stand up and sing a song all about our super wonderful God!



Song 1: Super Wonderful



(Auto advance) Series Title Slide: Let's Grow!

Big Idea

2:00

I love singing with you, Kid-Os! You can sit down. We're in a series called "Let's Grow!" There are lots of different ways you can grow. You can grow taller, grow wiser, and grow by learning new things. In this series, we're talking about ways we can grow to know God better.

At our church, we talk about five important ways to grow closer to God. We call them our five values. Can you hold up five fingers and say, "five values?" The value we're learning about today is "Follow Jesus." Following Jesus is the most important decision we can ever make. When we follow Jesus, we make him our leader and friend.

To get started, we're going to practice our "Big Idea." That's the super important thing we're learning about today!



Big Idea Jingle



(Auto advance) Big Idea Slide: I can grow by following Jesus.

The Big Idea is, “I can grow by following Jesus.” When we follow Jesus, we grow to know him more each day. Let’s stand up and practice the big idea. I’ll say a part first and you can repeat after me. I can grow, I CAN GROW. By following Jesus, BY FOLLOWING JESUS. Great job! Alright, now let’s say it all together!

Do This: Show Kid-Os the actions and have them practice the Big Idea with you three times. Use a different voice each time. **Voice ideas for this week: Tweeting bird, Neighing horse, and Buzzing Bee.**

Know This: These are the Big Idea actions: (Place your hands in front of your face, palms out, then move them down in a rainbow motion) The Big Idea. (Point at self with thumbs) I can grow (march in place) by following Jesus.

Awesome job practicing our Big Idea! You can all sit down.

That Big Idea is so important, we’re going to say it several times today. Whenever you see this flower and hear this sound, it’s time to say our big idea!



Big Idea Flower and Sound

You can say the Big Idea and still do the actions while sitting in your spot. Let’s practice right now!



Big Idea Flower and Sound

Let’s say the Big Idea together. THE BIG IDEA. I CAN GROW BY FOLLOWING JESUS. Great job, Kid-Os!



Series Title Slide: Let’s Grow!

Now, we get to plant a seed and watch it grow throughout our time together! Can you pretend to take out a tiny seed? Now let’s dig a hole in the dirt and plant our seed. Great job! I can’t wait to see what it becomes!

Do This: Pick up the small seed and plant it in the pot. Have kids pretend to plant their own seed with you by pretending to dig a hole and put the seed in the dirt.

Next, we get to learn more by going on a Bible Adventure.



Bible Adventure Jingle

Do This: Show kids the Bible.

The Bible is the greatest book ever. It's full of words from God, and there are lots of true stories that can help us grow to know God better. Today, we get to read a story about someone who's life changed after he decided to follow Jesus.

Do This: Get the Bible storybook out and sit down in the chair.

This story you are going to hear comes from the Bible, but we use this storybook because the pictures help us imagine what it might have looked like back when the Bible was written. The pictures you see in here are the same as the ones on the screen. Let's get started!

Do This: Have kids help you "turn" the pages on the screen with an exaggerated arm wave.



Picture 1: Saul with believers running away from him.

Saul was a man who thought that he was better than others. He followed a big list of rules about what he thought was the right way to live. Saul didn't believe that Jesus was God's Son, though. He was very mean to anyone who followed Jesus.



Picture 2: Saul on the road with bright light from heaven.

One day, as Saul was traveling down the road, he saw a bright light from heaven. It was so bright that Saul fell down! Then a voice from heaven said, "Saul, why are you hurting me?" Saul was confused and said, "Who are you?" The voice responded, "I am Jesus. Go to the city and you will find out what to do next."



Picture 3: Ananias prays for Saul.

When Saul got up, he couldn't see anything! His friends had to help him into the city. When they arrived, a man named Ananias met them. Ananias prayed, and Saul was able to see again! Saul also understood that Jesus really was God's Son and he decided to follow him.



Picture 4: Saul telling others about Jesus.

Saul's life changed after he decided to follow Jesus. He learned more about God's amazing love for him and wanted to tell everyone about it! Instead of hurting others, he showed them kindness and love. Instead of trying to be the best, Saul served others. Saul knew that Jesus loved him and that nothing could separate him from Jesus' love.



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Great listening, Kid-Os! We can decide to follow Jesus, just like Saul did. Jesus loves each one of us so much, and he wants to be our leader and friend.



Big Idea Flower and Sound

Oh, that's our Big Idea sound! Let's say our Big Idea together. THE BIG IDEA. I CAN GROW BY FOLLOWING JESUS.

Great job Kid-Os! Now, it's time to water our seed. Can you pretend to take out a watering can? Now, let's pour some water on our seed!

Do This: Pick up watering can and pour water on the dirt in the pot. Have the kids pretend to do this with you.

Great! Now, let's watch our seed grow!



Strawberry plant grows (animation)

Wow! I wonder what kind of plant it will be!

Now, we get to learn a memory verse all about growing closer to God.

Memory Verse

3:00



Memory Verse Jingle



(Auto-advance) Memory Verse: Colossians 1:10 – “We pray that you will grow to know God better.”

Our Memory Verse comes from the Bible. This one is all about growing to know God better.

Do This: Read the verse from the screen.

Kid-Os, our church’s value of following Jesus is a way to know God better.

Do This: Practice the verse with the Kid-Os three times. You can start in your quiet/whisper voice and then get a little louder each time you practice.

Know This: The verse with actions goes like this: (Open your Bibles) Colossians 1:10 (Put hands together in a praying motion) We pray, (crouch down and jump up) that you will grow, (point at head with both hands) to know God better.

Super job practicing your Memory Verse, Kid-Os!

Worship

3:00

Everyone stay standing because we are going to sing another song together. In this song, we get to sing about Jesus’ amazing love!



Song 2: I Like To



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Try it Out

5:00

Awesome singing, everyone! You can sit down.



Big Idea Flower and Sound

Did you hear that? Let’s say our Big Idea together. THE BIG IDEA. I CAN GROW BY FOLLOWING JESUS. Great job!



Strawberry Plant Image

Now, it's time to make sure our seed gets some sunlight! Kid-O's can you make a circle above your head to look like the sun? Now, let's see how our plant grows!

Do This: Put your hands in a circle over your head and have kids do that along with you, pretending to be the sun.



Strawberry Plant Image with flowers

Look at those flowers on the plant! Do you have any guesses about what it could be? We'll find out soon!

Now it's time to try out what we've been learning today.



Try it Out Jingle

We're going to check in with a friend named Kristen. She's going to help us try out what we've learned today.



Try It Out Media



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See you later, Kristen. Jesus loves each one of you so much, and you can choose to follow him. If you want to know more about what it means to follow Jesus, you can ask your grown-up or one of the leaders here at church. We would love to talk with you about it!



Big Idea Flower and Sound

I know what that sound means! We need to say our Big Idea together one more time. Ready? THE BIG IDEA. I CAN GROW BY FOLLOWING JESUS. Nice job, Kid-Os!



Strawberry Plant Image with Flowers

Now it's time to find out what type of plant we've been growing!



Plant Image with Strawberries

Do you know what these are, Kid-Os? Yes, strawberries! Let's all reach out with our hands and pick a strawberry off the plant.

Do This: Reach your hand behind the screen and pull out a fake strawberry that is hidden back there. Have the kids pretend to pick a strawberry with you.

Here it is! Wiggle your fingers if you like to eat strawberries. I do! Let's pretend to take a big bite together! Yum!

Kid-O-Whampus

2:00

That was fun! We've almost finished for today, but there's one more fun thing to do, called Kid-O-Whampus! Stand up and let's all go Kid-O-Whampus together!



Kid-O-Whampus: Run, Jump, Freeze

Prayer

2:00

That was a super fun Kid-O-Whampus! You can sit down.



"Let's Pray"

Now it's time for us to talk to God together. When we talk to God, it's called praying. We can talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything! God is always listening to you. Right now, let's put our hands in our laps and close our eyes to help us focus on what we're saying to God. If you want to, you can repeat this prayer after me.

Dear God, we love you. Thank you for loving us. Help us to follow Jesus each day. Amen.



Kid-O-Deo Slide

It's been awesome being here with you, Kid-Os. I loved learning about the value of following Jesus. Now it's time for you to go back to your rooms where you will get into groups with your leader and other Kid-Os, have a snack, and do a fun activity. Have a great group time!