



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 5: Remain in Me
Suggested Week of Use: April 2, 2023
Core Passage: John 15:1-17

News Story Summary

The afternoon seemed normal enough at a DeLeon Springs, Florida, home where several neighborhood children were playing in an above-ground pool. But a family member watching on the side noticed one of the children, a 2-year-old girl, was face-down in the pool. Family members jumped into action, pulling the girl out of the water and calling 911. The little girl was not responsive, and no one in the family knew CPR. So, the operator, Thomas Eggers, walked the family members through the process of performing CPR and stayed on the line until assistance arrived. The little girl is now recovering thanks to quick thinking on the part of the family and the directions of a diligent 911 operator.

For more about this story, search “911 Walks Florida Family Through CPR.”

Focus Attention

To supplement **FOCUS ATTENTION**, challenge the group to consider a time when they or someone they knew faced a life-threatening situation and called 911. Ask: *In that moment, how did you feel about the 911 operator?* Explain that when our physical life is at risk, we want help as soon as possible. Share the story of the Florida family who needed a 911 operator to help them save a little girl’s life. Share that, in many cases, 911 operators are a lifeline for people with a desperate need. Explain that during our study today, we will consider a much more significant lifeline than 911. Say: *We will talk about what it means for our lives to be connected to Jesus.*

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement **SUMMARIZE AND CHALLENGE**, remind adults about how the 911 operator helped save the little girl in Florida. Talk about how the family stayed connected to him as he guided them through a chaotic situation. Encourage members to take few minutes to consider why it’s important for believers to stay connected to Jesus, the true Vine. Ask: *Based on what we discussed in John 15, how would you describe your current connection to the Vine?* Remind the group that sometimes feelings are deceptive, but feelings also can indicate a need for change in our lives. Ask: *What are some practical steps you can take today to strengthen your connection to Jesus?* Close by praying that each adult would have a healthy relationship with Jesus. Pray that those who don’t will find the courage to reach out for help today.