

God's love  
roots and  
grounds  
us

## 2. Talking to the King

### Rooted and Grounded in Love

*Ephesians 3:16-19*

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### Prayer Point Focus

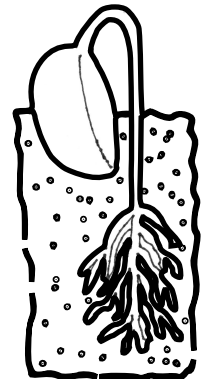
#### *Leader's Lesson Overview*

- Remember to ask the Holy Spirit to help you teach the lesson.
- These materials will not fit in one hour. Choose what works for you.
- We need to understand that God is our Father. We are His children and He loves us very much.
- Being rooted and grounded in love means we will not be shaken or “blown over” when hard times come. Just like in the parable of the Sower. If we have fertile soil, the seed of His Spirit will grow deep and strong.
- Grounded means we receive sustenance/nourishment.

God is love  
1John 4:7

God will never  
leave you nor  
forsake  
you

God loves  
you!  
John 3:16



#### *Preparation*

Read through the lesson. Ask the Holy Spirit to help with the Prayer Point.

Prepare the skit on page 3. Choose and prepare an activity.

Run off Scripture and Song sheet

## Talking to the King - Rooted and Grounded

This is the basic format of meetings. You can use whatever works for you.



### 1. Come Into His Presence

MEMORY VERSE (KKITs - underlined part)

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### Kingdom Kid Pledge

I'm a Kingdom Kid  
and I'm here to say,  
I'm living my life  
in a brand new way!



SONGS

- Come Into His Presence
- Love Love Love Round
- Love the Lord Your God



### 2. Enter the Gates (opening prayers)

Prayers of thanksgiving and praise. What can we be thankful for today? Read John 3:16. Thank God for sending His Son, Jesus.

### 3. Prayers for the Body

- Pray for the pastor and church service.
- If possible, have the pastor or pastorate meet with the children. Maybe they could share a few prayer requests. Ask them to say a few words of encouragement, letting the children know how important their prayers are to the church and beyond.
- “God is using children all over the world to pray and ask Him to change history! You could be one of them.” Kids Gap

### 4. Prayer Requests and Praise Reports

Spend some time asking children if they have needs to pray about or if they have some praise reports. (Testimonies of something awesome God has done in your life)



### 5. Prayer Point: Rooted and Grounded

Read Ephesians 3:16 together. Begin discussing what it means. The skit interrupts after a few minutes of discussion.

# Rooted and Grounded Skit

## Characters

1. Child (seen) *Maybe involve a parent and child in this. Have them be ready for their cue.*
2. GOD (unseen)

Stage Setting: Child could sit on a chair and lean on a table that has a Bible on it.

Prop: real or artificial plant.

**(CHILD: to audience - Shh! I'm trying to pray...)**

*bows head and folds hands*

**Child:** *Our Father, who...*

**GOD:** Yes?

**Child:** *Huh? Who's that?*

**GOD:** *Your father. You called me.*

**Child:** *I called you? But, I was just praying. I always say the Lord's Prayer.*

**GOD:** I know. And here I am. I love to hear your prayers.

**Child:** You do?

**GOD:** Yes, my child.

**Child:** What? I'm your child?

**GOD:** Didn't you call me Father? If I'm your father, then you are my child. And I love you very much. I try to tell you how much I love you all day, everyday!

**Child:** You do? You love me? How come I can't hear you?

**GOD:** I tell you I love you with the song of birds in the morning, beautiful dew drops on the grass, the warm sunshine on your shoulders. All of nature tells of my love.

**Child:** Wow! Nature tells me you love me?

**GOD:** Yes. I send angels to help you. I plant songs in your heart and bring scriptures to your mind when you are sad.

**Child:** That's you? You talk to me like that? Wow! The God of the whole universe loves me and talks to me? Why do you love me so much?

**GOD:** I made you. I formed you in your mother's womb. I gave you gifts and talents. You are fearfully and wonderfully made.

**Child:** Wow!

**GOD:** I love you every day, every moment, every second. Every breath you breathe, every beat of your heart is a gift from me. Every good thing in your life is a gift from me. And there is more.

**Child:** More?

**GOD:** There's always more.

**Child:** Wow!

**GOD:** I love you so much that I gave my son to die for you on a cross. It's through Jesus that you can come to me. My love for you is everywhere. Look for me in everything and you will see me.

**Child:** If your love is everywhere, it must be important.

**GOD:** It is important.

**Child:** Why? Why is your love so important?

**GOD:** Think of your heart as a garden. In order for the seed of my spirit to sprout and grow into a strong, healthy plant in you, it needs to put down roots. I want you to be "rooted and grounded" in my love.

**Child:** Like this plant? (shows example of potted plant.)

**GOD:** Exactly like that. When hard times come; and they will, because life isn't always easy; if you are rooted and grounded in my love, you will not be tossed around by the winds of life. My love never stops.

**Child:** Thank you, Father! I don't want to be blown over. I want to be rooted and grounded.

**GOD:** I'm glad to hear it. Ask my son Jesus to be your Lord and Savior. Listen and look for signs of my love all around you. When you see my love, tell me, "Thank you!". I love to hear "thank you's" from my children and your roots will grow stronger!

**Child:** I will! I can't wait! I'm going to start listening and watching for your love right now!



### Put it into Practice

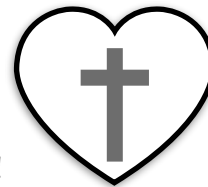
What are ways that God tells you that he loves you? Review the ways from the skit. Remember the Kingdom Kid pledge? What comes first? First we choose Him, repent and then what?

1.

I'm a Kingdom Kid  
And I'm here to say,  
I'm living my life  
in a brand new way.

2.

I repented of my sins  
And asked Jesus in my heart.  
He's living here inside  
And His love is OFF THE CHARTS!



*Spend some time thanking God for His love. Thank Him for His Son Jesus.*

### Activity Suggestions

Create a treasure hunt to find these scriptures (YAKKs can help with this). Write each scripture or scripture reference (depending on age and abilities) on a card and hide them with clues to the next scripture. Maybe end with heart shaped candies. Start the kids with a clue card that might read:  
*Follow the clues as best as you're able, look for the next clue under the table.*

- John 3:16 God
- John 4:7
- Deuteronomy 31:6

### Challenge

- Encourage them to look for His love everywhere so they will be rooted and grounded, so they will begin to "...comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ..." (Ephesians 3:16-19)
- When they notice God's love, remind them to say, "Thank you!" We don't want to take God's gifts and blessings for granted. Psalms 100 says we enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise."

### Project

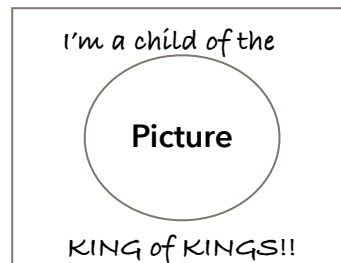
Part of being Rooted and Grounded, is knowing who you are in Christ and that He loves you. The first part of the Kingdom Kid Pledge is a proclamation. You belong to the King of Kings.

"If someone asks you who you are in Christ the King, what could you tell them?"

Help them craft a proclamation similar to this:

"I am name, beloved child of the most High King."

Make a picture frame from paper or cardboard, or get some at a craft store. They can either put their name in the middle, or a picture.



## Other Possible Activities

**Decorate clay pots** with cheerful pictures or sayings. Plant a flower to give to someone who needs some love or cheering up. Discuss being rooted and grounded as you plant them.

Have the kids think of someone in their neighborhood, family or congregation who is going through a tough time.

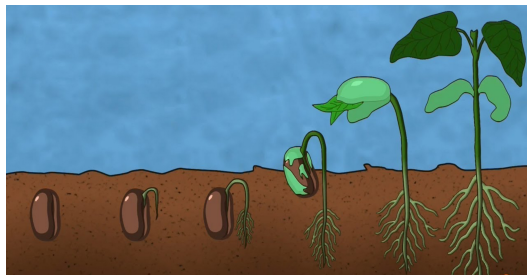
Be sure to say a prayer for the person. You could even offer to pray WITH the person as you deliver the flower.



**Plant bean seeds** and discuss being rooted and grounded. After planting, the seeds need to be watered. It might be best to plant a few at once just to get them started. Contender Bush Beans are a good choice.

It will put down roots first and you will not be able to tell that anything is happening. This can be an on going project.

If it is the right time of year and you have some space, plant a garden outside. Care for it and eventually reap the harvest! All of the following lessons will correspond with your gardening experience.



## Penny the Pug Testimony

<https://www.kingdomkidsontheirknees.com/blog/penny-the-pug-testimony>



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### Come Into His Presence

Come into His presence singing Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.

Come into His presence singing, Jesus is Lord...



<https://hymnary.org/page/fetch/GG2013/544/low>

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### Love Love Love Round

Love, love, love, love

The gospel in one word is love.

Love your neighbor as your brother.

Love, love, love, love

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### Love the Lord Your God

Love the Lord your God with all your heart

and all your soul and all your mind

and love all of mankind as you would love your self. (2x)

*(2nd time, sing only underlined words)*

We've got Christian lives to live.

We've got Jesus love to give.

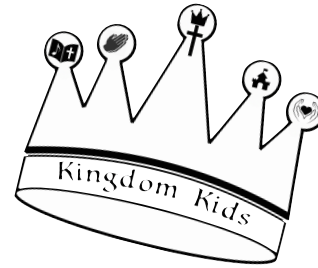
We've got nothing to hide

Because in Him we abide.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLIM2uivm5g&feature=youtu.be>

## Prayer Points for Parents



Hello Parents!

Today at Kingdom Kids we talked about being Rooted and Grounded in God's love.

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### *Scripture Memory*

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### *K Kid Challenge*

Look for God's love all around you. Maybe you will see it in people. Maybe you will see it in nature. Look in the scriptures, look in the hymn book for signs of His love. Maybe you will find a song or scripture to hang onto when you are scared or lonely.

Kids' Page: Testimony of Penny the Pug

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