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The Power to Grow

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for use as STEP 1

Lesson 6
Focus:
God helps us grow to be more like Jesus.

Lesson 6
Bible Basis:
2 Peter 1:1–11

Lesson 6
Memory Verse:
His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life.
—2 Peter 1:3
ECHOES Verse
He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. —Philippians 1:6

Students will discuss learning about changing technology as it relates to constantly learning how to become more like Jesus.

Materials:
☐ Internet access

Once your students have arrived, invite them to watch the following short video. [1:29]:
Teaching My Grandparents Slang 😂
https://www.youtube.com/shorts/vRidFLnYOiI

➢ **In the video, we saw a grandson teaching his grandparents popular phrases. Have any of you tried to teach your parents or grandparents how to use new popular slang or the latest technology? Talk a little bit about that experience.** (Allow students to share their experiences.)

➢ **Can we still learn things even if they're totally outside our comfort zone? Explain.** (Possible answers might include: Sure, it just might take more time to get used to a new way of learning; yes, but you have to be more flexible and not expect things to be exactly the same as school, etc.)

➢ **Are there other things your parents, grandparents, or other adults in your life might have learned as adults? Maybe your dad picked up a fishing hobby, or maybe your mom learned to make TikToks.** (Accept all reasonable responses.)

No matter how old we get, there will always be more things to learn. As crazy as it sounds now, you all may eventually become parents and grandparents relying on a younger generation for help with understanding technology and popular culture.

In today's lesson, the apostle Paul was adamant that Christians continue to learn and grow, too. Why was it so important for them to grow? Wasn't believing in Jesus enough? Let's check it out.

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your teacher's guide; your Step 4 appears below.)

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Materials:
- ☐ Index cards
- ☐ Pens/pencils
- ☐ Optional: Markers/colored pencils

If your class is meeting online, invite students to bring supplies with them to class.

Earlier we learned how important it is to grow in our knowledge of God's Word so we can become more like Jesus, our living example given to us on earth. When we learn the Scriptures and what God has to say to us, we begin to grow and become strengthened to do His work and live godly lives. This is all done through the power of the Holy Spirit living inside of us as believers.

➢ **How do we know if we're growing more like Jesus?** (Answers might include: His fruit like love, goodness, and self-control will show up in our lives; our hearts will change and we will act differently than the world; we hear His voice and know He is teaching us each time we read the Bible, etc.)

Let's be clear. We can't just be good or do the right thing on our own. Oh, we can do that for a while, but eventually we go back to doing our own thing. What our Bible verse today tells us is that God works within us. It's His power that teaches us to understand what we read in the Bible, and it's His power in us that changes our hearts and our minds to live godly lives.

Distribute supplies (or invite students to have them ready at home). **On one side of your index card, write "Jesus, help me become more like you this week by…". On the other side of the card, write at least one way you'd like Jesus to help you become more like Him.** Answers might include: reading the Bible; praying; having a quiet time; obeying God's Word; having the fruit of the Spirit in my life such as love, joy, peace, etc.

If time allows, invite students to decorate the front sides of their cards with markers or colored pencils.

This week, place your card somewhere you'll see it and remember to pray for God's help in becoming more like Him. Remember the Holy Spirit will teach and strengthen you as you draw close to Him. God will complete His work in you and give you everything you need to live godly lives—it's His promise.

If you have opportunity, pray together as a group before closing.

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