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Today's Reading: 2 Peter 3:18 Romans 12:1-2 Psalms 113

Today, at church I learned:

Do you know what GPS is? You have probably seen your grown up use it when going some place new or on a road trip. It helps them find their way to get to where they want to go.

Our church has a new vision statement, GPS. This isn't the same as what we use on road trips but it can help us follow God's plan in scripture so that we can be with Him.

At Monroe Bible Church, GPS stands for GROW, PRAY, and SERVE.

This week we are going to focus on the first part of the vision statement, **GROW**. Specifically, we will look at our own personal growth in Christ.



Think about a pumpkin. It is a fruit that grows on the vine. As long as the fruit is connected to the vine, it will grow. Jesus says in John 15: 1-2 that He is like the vine and God is a gardener who takes care of the plant. We are the fruit on that vine. Without Jesus, we cannot grow and live.

How do we grow in Jesus?

CAN YOU FIND THE BIBLE VERSE?

The Bible verse below is hidden in this puzzle. How many of the words can you find? When you find a word, circle it, and read the entire verse out loud before you start looking for another word. Can you find more words from the lesson?

H V G A T H E R T F R M Y F R E
J D A Z J E S U S S U R C E Z R
S O K N O W L E D G E P V D D V
A A N D K M J J N T I O R Z F T
V O P F C E M I E H L O M O U P
I C H R I S T P S B L R X B O G
O G G R A C E R E I S M A E U R
R Z I Y X Y O H S B M W G Y R O
Y H F B K W T K S L H K E J C W



But GROW in the GRACE and KNOWLEDGE of our Lord and SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. 2 Peter 3:18a ESV Let's use the phrase "I GROW" to help us remember the ways we can grow in Jesus.

I grow in Jesus by Imitating his life. (Ephesians 5:1-2)

I grow in Jesus by **G**athering with his family-the church. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

I grow in Jesus by **R**eading the Bible and praying. (John 15:7)

I grow in Jesus by **O**beying God because I love Him. (John 15:10)

I grow in Jesus by **W**orshipping and enjoying Him. (Psalm 95:6)



Let's draw







