

## Lesson

### "I am the vine, you are the branches"

- Research what a vine is and how it is propagated and cared for
- Make vines using wool or twisted brown paper
- Show a bunch of grapes

1. Let's talk about a tree and its parts (branches, trunk, leaves, roots). They are all connected and all a part of the same thing. A vine is just like a tree, but we see more trees. Vines produce fruit and the fruit is connected by the branch.

2. Here's a picture of a vine that is alive. Fruit is connected to the vine and the vine is growing. Just like a tree, all the parts are connected and growing together.



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3. Here's a picture of a vine that is no longer growing. It no longer produces any fruit.



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Jesus had twelve friends who followed Him and helped Him teach. Sometimes a lot of people came to see and listen to Jesus. When they went home, Jesus told His friends even more about what He had been saying. This helped them to be better teachers.

Here's one of Jesus' stories. Please listen while we read the story of the vine. Remember that a vine is just like a tree.

Read the parable of the vine- John 15: 5, 7

Questions:

1. Who is the vine? (Jesus)
2. Who are the branches? (We are.)
3. Have you ever picked fruit before? (Yes or no.) Fruit can't grow anymore when it's not on the vine. If it comes off of the vine

too early, it has to be thrown away because it's not ready to be eaten and even it might make you sick.

4. What happens if the fruit stays on the vine until it's ripe or ready to be picked? (It keeps growing and getting bigger and more delicious.)

5. Eventually, when the fruit is ready, it is picked off the vine and will be shared with others. More fruit will grow in its place.

6. Knowing about and loving Jesus is like growing on the vine. To keep growing, we must stay close to Jesus then we can share with others. One way to do this is talking to Him, also called praying.

Jesus calls himself the Vine and we are the branches. The reason he does this is to show that we are all united to Christ as closely as a branch is to a vine. Just as a vine bears fruit, Jesus will help us to grow and bring good into the world.

Prayer: Jesus, You are the vine and we are the branches. Help us to stay as close to You as the fruit on the vine. As Your followers, give us strength to always do what is right and good, so by our good works, all will know that we are Your friends. Amen.