

The vine and the branches



Bible verses:
John 15:1-11



Aim:
To explore how and why
we stay close to God



Today's fruit:
Faithfulness



Memory verse

'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.'

(John 15:5 *NIV*)



Start it

In our Bible story today, Jesus describes himself as the vine and God as the gardener. We will learn all about how we are the branches. If we stay connected to the vine, we can grow the fruit of the Spirit in our lives.



Share it

Share a child-friendly version of Acts John 15:1-11 or watch the following clip.

The vine and the branches by LifeKids (1:50)

Sit in a circle and ask the group to share together:

- If you could grow any fruit at home, which one would you choose?
- How does Jesus describe himself in this story?

- How does Jesus describe his followers in this story? What do you think he means?
- What can we do to stay close to God?
- What kind of fruit does Jesus want to grow in our lives?



Sing It

'If I were a butterfly' (lyrics and music)
'The butterfly song' by Brian Howard,
uploaded by Unreached Corners (3:09)

'Wonderful Lord' (official video) by Doug Horley (3:13)



Action it

Games and activities to reinforce the Bible passage:

- Draw a picture of a vine and grapes to remind you what Jesus said about following him.
- Imagine you are a tiny seed and act out growing into a tall, strong plant.
- Gather your friends together to create a long grapevine winding around the room.
- Take a moment to say or write a prayer thanking God for loving you.