



**At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12**  
**Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus**  
**Unit 5, Lesson 25**

## The Vine and the Branches

**Lesson Aim: To understand what it means to remain in Jesus and bear fruit.**

### **THE WELCOME**

**MEET & GREET: What is your favorite fruit?**

**GAME:** Grape Gathering Relay

### **THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO TEACHES**

Read Worship Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Critter Kingdom script or read storybook.

### **THE WORD THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES**

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: The Parable of the Sower

**Today, we will hear the Parable of the Vine and the Branches.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: John 15:1-5, 9-12. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: John 15:4. Pray. Read.

### **THE WAY REMAINING IN JESUS**

**Who is the True Vine?** (Jesus.) **Who are the branches?** (We are.) **What does it mean to remain?** (To stay.) **To remain in Jesus (or abide) means to stay connected with Jesus. When we stay close to Jesus, we are like branches that stay connected to the vine. What happens when a branch is not connected to the vine?** (It does not grow fruit. It withers and dies.) **What happens when we do not stay connected to Jesus? How can you stay close and connected with Jesus?**

**When a branch bears good fruit, the fruit is proof the branch is attached to the vine and is growing strong. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These are seen in our good deeds and attitudes that build God's kingdom. How are good deeds and good attitudes from a believer like good fruit from a branch?** (The good

deeds and good attitudes of a believer show the believer is still close with Jesus and growing to be more and more like Him.)

**A good deed is an action that helps others. What are some examples of good deeds?** (Examples of sharing, helping, encouraging, etc.) **These actions show we are connected to Jesus. What deeds show we are not connecting with Jesus? What are some examples of good attitudes that would be like the good fruit?**

If time allows, play the BRANCH CHARADES game located in the GOT TIME?

**How would your life look different to others this week if you were to bear this kind of good fruit?**

**Jesus will always love us. He wants us to remain in His love, which is to be as close to Him as He is to His Father. What did Jesus say we must obey to remain in His love?** (To obey His commands.) **Which command does Jesus mention we must obey?** ("Love each other as I have loved you.") **How can you obey that command this week?**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**Who did Jesus say is the gardener for the vine?** (God the Father.) **Hundreds of years before Jesus taught about the vine and the branches, God spoke of Israel as His vineyard. Isaiah describes how the Lord cared for His people like a gardener cares for his vineyard.** Reveal Isaiah 27:3. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

**How has God cared for you and helped you grow in your faith?**

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Vine and the Branches Kingdom Parable Sticker
- W<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #25
- OFFERING OF ART: A large vine with fruit on its branches
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Fruit of the Vine

**GAME:** Branch Charades

**DISCUSSION:** Modern Parable

**CRAFT:** Parable Wind Chimes–The Vine and the Branches

**BONUS PARABLE:** The Two Sons

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Color Decode, The Wave

**KINGDOM PARABLE REVIEW**