



At-A-Glance: Camp Venture
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 – CAMP GAMES

CAMP GAMES: Grape Gathering Relay

THE WORSHIP – AT THE CAMPFIRE

JESUS AS THE KING WHO TEACHES

We gather at the campfire to worship Jesus as the King who teaches. Jesus teaches us that like a vine grows its branches, He stays with us and helps us grow. When we stay connected to Him we are like branches that bear fruit. The fruit we bear is called the fruit of the Spirit. Read Worship Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23.

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

Perform Critter Kingdom script or read storybook. Recite Camper's Code.

THE WORD & THE WAY – TENT TIME

KINGDOM PARABLE

Camp Covenant

Welcome to Tent Time. At the campfire, we talked about the vine and the branches. The branches need to stay connected to the vine in order to bear fruit. Another way of saying, "stay connected" is to say "remain."

Let's read for ourselves what Jesus said about the vine and the branches. You'll find it in John 15:1-5. If you brought your Bible, you may read along silently with me. Before we read, let's ask God open our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds to His Word today. Who would like to pray that for us? Choose a camper to pray aloud. Campers may eat the Fruit of the Vine snack while a counselor reads John 15:1-5.

Who is the True Vine? (Jesus.) Who are the branches? (We are.) The word remain means to stay. When we stay close to Jesus, we are like branches that stay connected to the vine. How can we stay

close to Jesus?

When a branch bears good fruit, the fruit is proof that 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 fruits are seen in our good deeds and attitudes that build God's kingdom. A good deed is an action that helps others. A good attitude is a positive way of thinking about things. When we stay close to Jesus, we do good deeds and show good attitudes. The good deeds and good attitudes of a believer show that the believer is still close with Jesus and growing to be more and more like Him.

PARABLE PAL

During Tent Time, we always open our Camp Cooler to find something from our Parable Pal about the kingdom of God. Let's see what our Parable Pal can show us about the vine and the branches. Counselor opens cooler and reads the letter from the Parable Pal. Cooler also contains colorful paper cut into various fruit shapes, a timer, and a pencil.

SHARE A PRAYER

Requests and The Lord's Prayer

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- KINGDOM PARABLE JOURNAL: Vine and the Branches Kingdom Parable Sticker
- CHALLENGE: DAILY WAY OR W³
- PARABLE POSTER PROJECT: The Vine and the Branches
- LETTERS FROM CAMP
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Fruit of the Vine

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