



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7  
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. Pray. Read.

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

**Who is the True Vine?** (Jesus.) **Who are the branches?** (We are.) **To remain means to stay. 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.) **In the same way, we are like branches that need to stay connected and close to the True Vine, 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. When we stay close to Jesus, we do good deeds and show good attitudes.**

**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?**

**An attitude is a way of thinking about things. Those with peaceful attitudes don't look for ways to argue. Those with willing attitudes look for ways to work together. How do you describe someone who has a patient attitude? How do you describe someone who has a joyful attitude?**

If time allows, play the BRANCH CHARADES game located in the GOT TIME? segment of this lesson.

**Just as a branch must remain attached to the vine to bear fruit, we are like branches that must remain attached to Jesus to bear fruit. How can you stay close and connected with Jesus?**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**Jesus explained that His Father is the gardener for the vine and the branches. Hundreds of years before Jesus taught this parable, the Bible describes how the Lord cared for His people like a gardener cares for his vineyard.** Reveal Isaiah 27:3. Read.

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

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Vine and the Branches Kingdom Parable Sticker
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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

**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**