



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
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 15:1-8. 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 (abide) in Jesus 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? segment of this lesson.

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

When we bear much fruit, who does it bring glory to? (Our heavenly Father.) **What does it show to others?** (We are Jesus' disciples.) **When did Jesus say we would be given whatever we wish?** (When we remain in Him and His Words remain in us.) **This means when we are very close with Jesus we begin to want only the things He wants for us.**

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: The 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

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