

# THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

*John 15:1-17*

## John 15

<sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup>You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup>“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

<sup>8</sup>This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

<sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in

my love. <sup>10</sup>If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup>I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. <sup>17</sup>This is my command: Love each other.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Who is the vine?
5		2.) Who are the branches?
5		3.) What happens if the branches are not attached to the vine?
5		4.) How is Jesus like a vine?

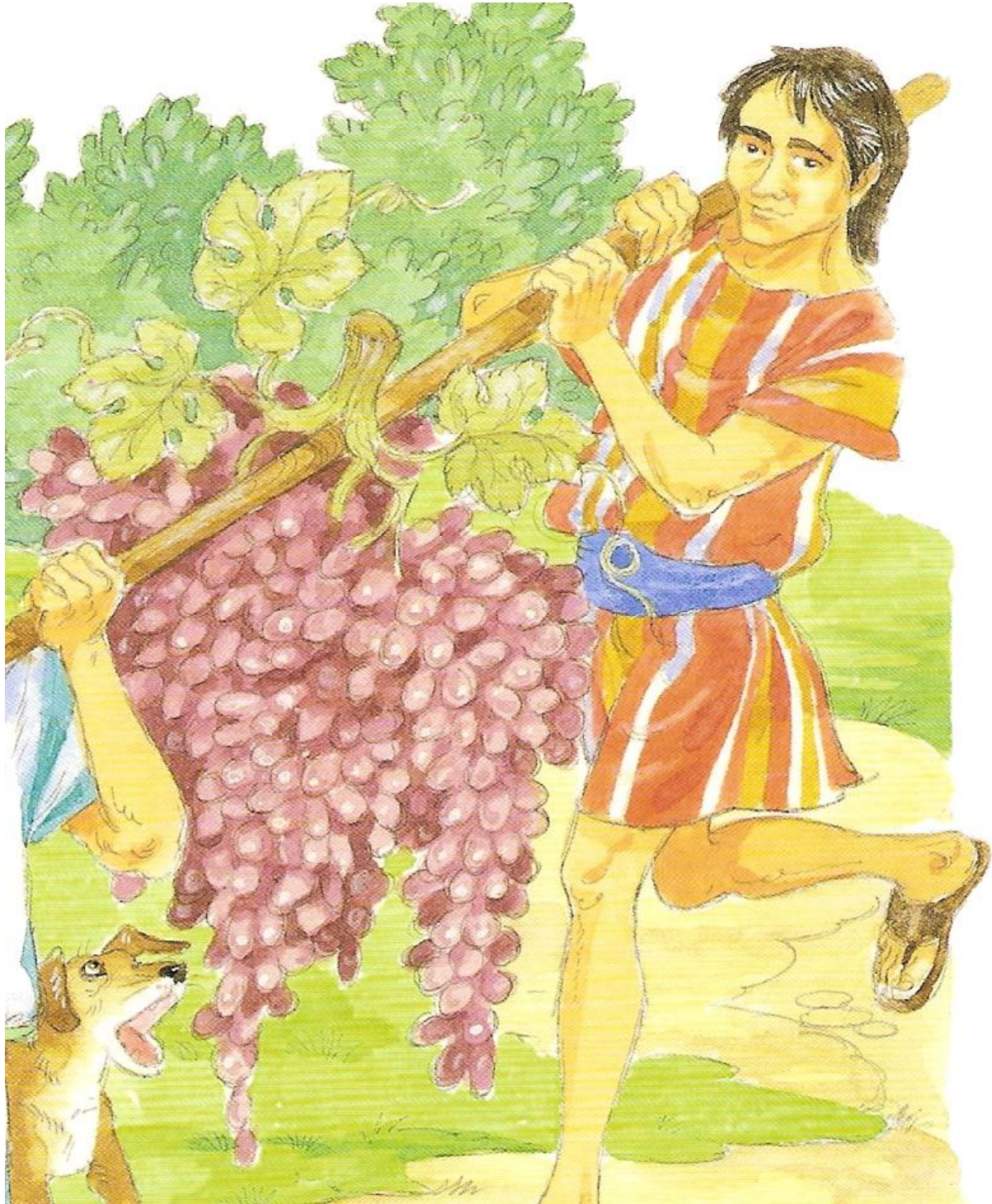
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“This is my command: Love each other.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">John 15:17</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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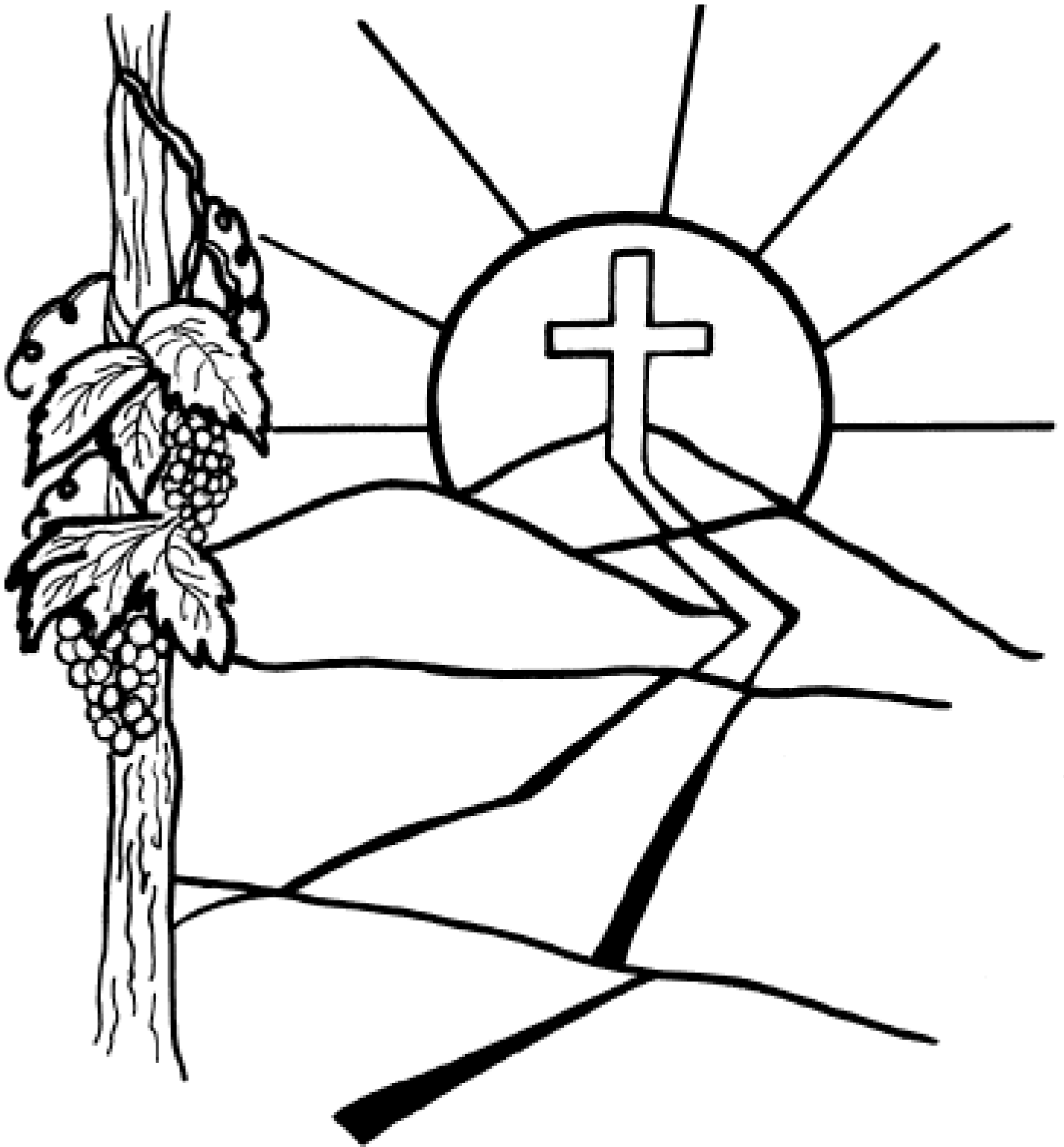
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*Jesus is the vine and we are the branches*

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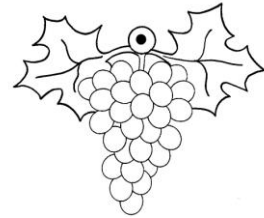
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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: GRAPE CLUSTERS

Students will make a grape cluster to remind them that Jesus is the vine and we are the branches.

### MATERIALS

1. 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Grape Cluster Pattern
3. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
4. Small Marshmallows
5. Red Food Coloring
6. Large Zipper Bag
7. Glue



### DIRECTIONS

1. Make copies of the grape cluster pattern onto 67lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color the leaves of the grape cluster. They do not need to color the grapes.
3. Before several hours before class (or the night before), fill a zipper bag with marshmallows and several drops of red food coloring. Zip the bag shut and shake until the marshmallows turn red. Unzip the bag and let the marshmallows dry out. It will make gluing the marshmallows easier.
4. Glue a marshmallow in each circle to represent red grapes.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their grape clusters, remind them that to bear fruit we must remain on the vine. Help students realize that the vine is Jesus, and we are the branches. For our Christian lives to bear any fruit, we must cling to him.

### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

### MEMORY VERSE

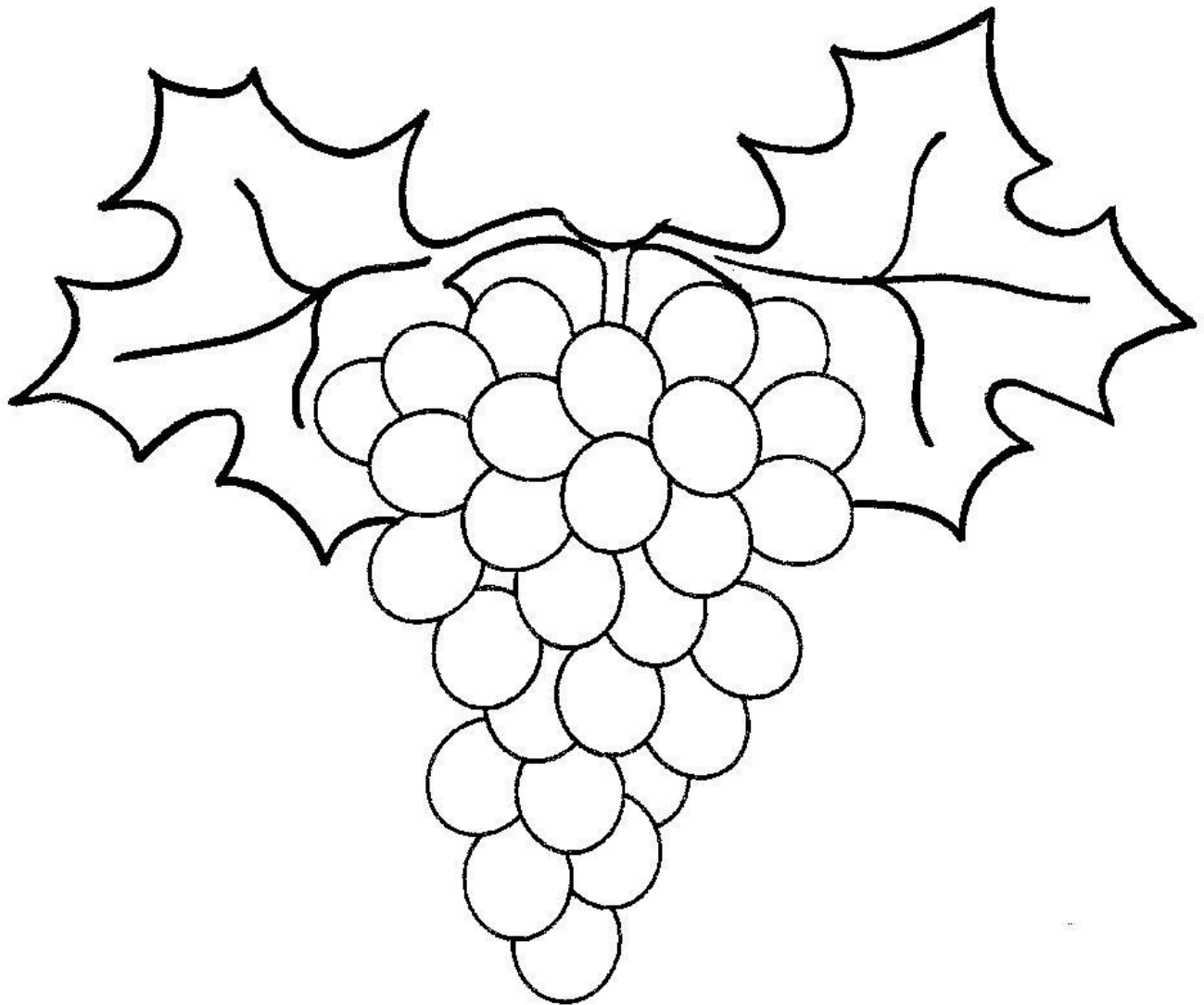
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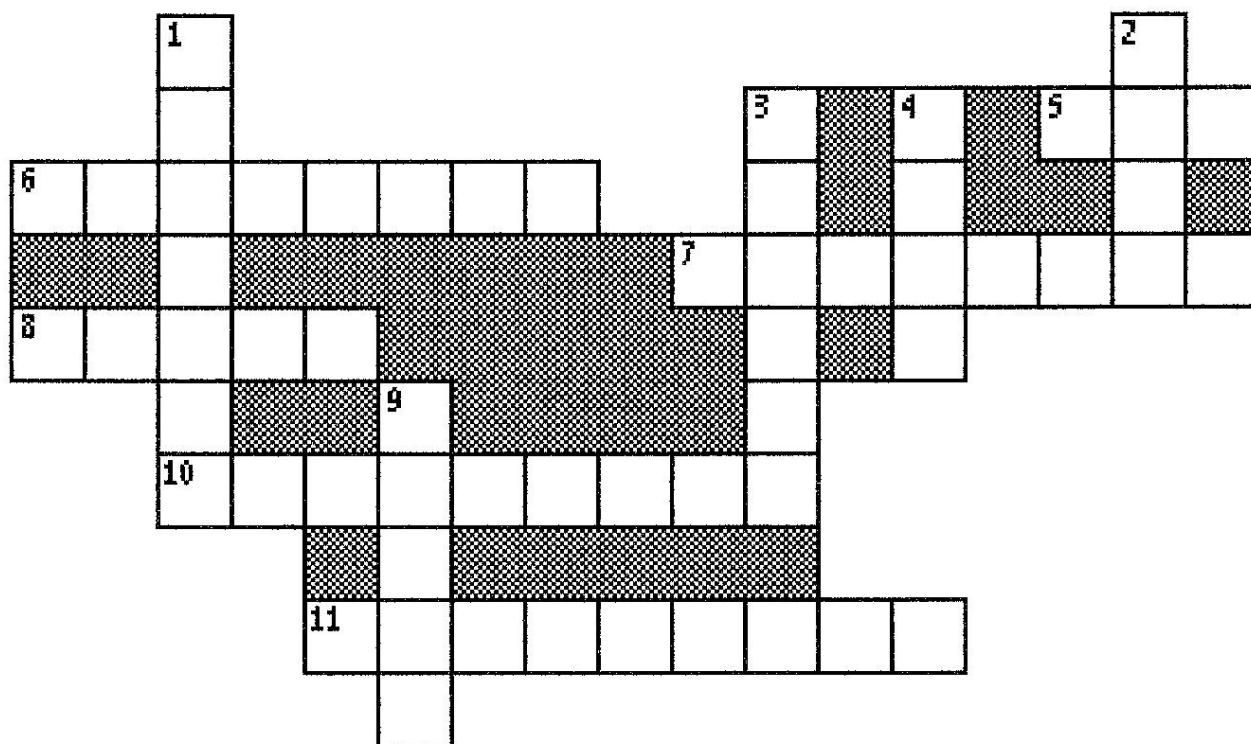
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*John 15:5*



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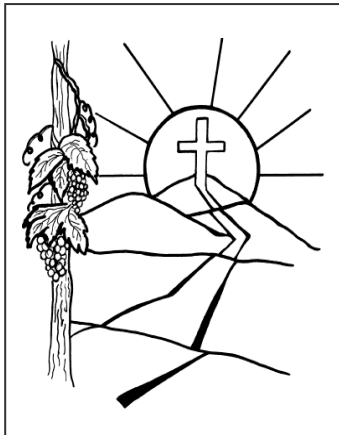


- 4 DOWN "I am the true \_\_\_\_\_, and My Father is the vinedresser." **JOHN 15:1**
- 9 DOWN "Every branch in Me that does not bear \_\_\_\_\_ He takes away." **JOHN 15:2**
- 8 ACROSS "\_\_\_\_\_ in Me, and I in you..." **JOHN 15:4**
- 7 ACROSS "I am the vine, you are the \_\_\_\_\_." **JOHN 15:5**
- 1 DOWN "...He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do \_\_\_\_\_." **JOHN 15:5**
- 6 ACROSS "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is \_\_\_\_\_." **JOHN 15:6**
- 3 DOWN "...and they gather them and throw them in the fire, and they are \_\_\_\_\_." **JOHN 15:6**
- 10 ACROSS "By this My Father is \_\_\_\_\_, that you bear much fruit." **JOHN 15:8**
- 11 ACROSS "...so you will be My \_\_\_\_\_." **JOHN 15:8**
- 2 DOWN "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My \_\_\_\_\_." **JOHN 15:9**
- 5 ACROSS "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your \_\_\_\_\_ may be full." **JOHN 15:11**

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Jesus also said, “Love each other as I have loved you.”

To find out more details about this story, read John 15:1-17 in your Bible.

## QUESTIONS

1. Who is the vine?
2. Who are the branches?
3. What happens if the branches are not connected to the vine?
4. How is Jesus like a vine?

## MEMORY VERSE

“This is my command: Love each other.” John 15:17

## WORD SCRAMBLE

JESUS	BRANCHES	VINE
LOVE	GARDENER	FRUIT

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