



# *The True Vine*

*Youth and Family Worship*

*May 2, 2021*

## Call to Worship:

L: Come and sit with me; we shall study the Word.

P: Together we shall read and understand.

L: Come and kneel with me; we shall break the bread.

P: Together we shall eat and be satisfied.

L: Come and walk with me; we shall part the waters.

# Opening Prayer

Almighty God, whose love is beyond understanding, whose mercy is beyond comprehension—we lift up our hearts to you in prayer. Though we were captives of our sinful and rebellious ways, your love has released us. You have freed us to experience divine love in our own lives. Your atoning love has freed us from the penalty of sin, which was rightfully ours to pay. How can we express our thanksgiving, except to praise your name and to allow your love to be seen in us. Grant to us a determined faith and a fervent love, that we might be reflections of your divine grace. Hear our prayer, O Lord, as we offer our petitions in the name of the One who is love, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Children's Bible Story

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKl6zmr7qzE&ab\\_channel=TheBibleApplied](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKl6zmr7qzE&ab_channel=TheBibleApplied)



# Children's Worship Song

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yg2Ha8SoNPQ&ab\\_channel=kehakshan](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yg2Ha8SoNPQ&ab_channel=kehakshan)

Nothing in the world can separate us now



# Children's Lesson

## Discussion Questions

1. Who is the vine? (Jesus)
2. Who are the branches? (We are.)
3. Have you ever picked fruit before? Fruit can't grow anymore when it's not on the vine. If it comes off of the vine too early, it has to be thrown away because it's not ready to be eaten and even it might make you sick.
4. What happens if the fruit stays on the vine until it's ripe or ready to be picked? (It keeps growing and getting bigger and more delicious.)
5. Eventually, when the fruit is ready, it is picked off the vine and will be shared with others. More fruit will grow in it's place.
6. Knowing about and loving Jesus is like growing on the vine. To keep growing, we must stay close to Jesus then we can share with others. One way to do this is talking to Him, also called praying.
7. Jesus wants us to produce a lot of fruit. He means being kind, generous, and talking to Him. Most of all, he wants us to love others. He loves us so much.

<https://happyheartsbiblestudy.weebly.com/-i-am-the-vine-you-are-the-branches.html>

# Children's Worship Song

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXVAGW1qMlc&ab\\_channel=CKECCMediaTeam](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXVAGW1qMlc&ab_channel=CKECCMediaTeam)



**Safe inside your love!**

# John 15:1-8

15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.

15:2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

15:3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

15:4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

15:6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

15:7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

15:8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

# Youth and Adult Bible Lesson Discussion or Journal

Jesus starts off the story with some rich imagery. Who is he talking about when he says, “I am the true vine”? Who are the branches in this story?

Who is the vine grower or gardener?

What do you think the fruit represents?

What happens to the branches that don't bear any fruit? What happens to the branches that do?

What does it mean to abide?

How can you and I bear fruit? What are some practical ways we can stay connected to the vine?

What kinds of things come up in your life that cause you to become disconnected from the vine?

How can we “abide” in Jesus on a day-to-day, hour-by-hour, month-by-month basis?

What would your life look like if you choose to “abide” in Jesus every hour of every day? What would our world look like if more people decided to really “abide” in Christ?

# Youth and Adult Worship Song

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ABIDE IN ME

# Mini Message

I was reading this week's interpretation of the scripture and some of the children's lessons and thought nope... I don't really like the idea of giving children the vision of a God who will pluck them out of trees and throw them on the ground because they are not producing "good fruit". Luckily I read the scripture myself and I immediately got it. "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit." That makes so much more sense to me because what he is saying here is that God will help you to prune the bad stuff and take in and put out into the world all the good stuff. But the way to do that is to stay connected to God. How do we stay connected to God? We pray, we surround ourselves with others who love like Jesus, we look for the good in the world, we listen for what God is telling us, and we bring that goodness, kindness, and gentleness back into the world.

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# Adult and Youth Worship Song

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2zBXNNNoAn8&ab\\_channel=GaryMcDuffee](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2zBXNNNoAn8&ab_channel=GaryMcDuffee)

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# Benediction

No one has ever seen God. But, if an angel appears and tells you to rise and go down a desert road, do not be afraid. Though barren, the desert is the place of revelation. As you pass through, someone will draw near. It may be the risen Christ, disguised as a weary stranger. Behold the face of your God, and offer the stranger your water.