

MAIN POINT:

Jesus said, 'I Am the Vine!'

MEMORY VERSE:

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

In the book of John, Jesus made seven "I Am..." statements. The seventh was "I Am the Vine." Jesus compared Himself to a vine and His father to a loving gardener who tends to the vine. We are like the branches. If we stay connected to the vine, we will bear fruit. But a vine that is disconnected from the branch does not bear fruit. Jesus wants us to be connected to Him by having a relationship with Him.

WATCH IT

Find the lesson video on our website: <https://cschurch.ca/childrens-online>

DO IT → FRUIT CRAFT

Supplies:

- Leaf template and verse paper strips (1 set per child, see last page)
- Brad fasteners (2 per child)
- Hole punch
- Pencil crayons

Activity Instructions:

- Have your child colour the template as desired.
- Cut out the pieces.
- Punch holes in the verse strips and leaf where indicated.
- Stack the verse strips in order of the verse, from top to bottom, with the leaf on top.

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- Insert a brad fastener in the top and bottom.



- Bend the strips into a C-shape and then spread the strips around to make a circle.



TALK ABOUT IT:

Do this section with your child while they are assembling their craft.

1. **Think of your best friends and family relationships. What do you do together that makes your friendship close?** (Play together, talk about what is important to you, spend lots of time together, celebrate good things, comfort each other through sad times.)
2. **Jesus wants us to have the same sort of close relationship with Him. How can you do the same sorts of things with Jesus that you do with your friends and family?** (Talk to Him – pray – all throughout the day, invite Him to be part of your day, listen to Him by reading your Bible, praise Him when you celebrate, go to Him when you're sad.)
3. **Jesus talked about pruning the vine to help it bear fruit. That means taking away the parts of the plant that aren't producing well. Are there things that get in the way of a deep relationship with Jesus that you could remove or limit in your life?** (Screen time, friendships with people who want you to do the wrong things, being too busy to spend time getting to know Jesus.)

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THE POINT:

Your fruit craft can help you remember that Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches. We must stay connected to Him if we want to bear fruit.

FAMILY PRAYER:

Dear Jesus, thank You that we can have a relationship with You. You are the vine we want to stay connected to You. Please help us to find ways to keep getting to know You more. We love You. In Your name, Amen.

OFFERING:

Our Children's Ministries offering from January to March will be going to our Compassion Kids! Lluvia and Ulises live in Mexico, and our offering will help provide them with clothes, school supplies, and other important items.

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○ I Am the Vine ○

○ You are the branches ○

○ If you remain ○

○ joined to me ○

○ you will bear ○

○ a lot of fruit ○

