

WE ARE BRANCHES ON GOD'S VINE

(Jerusalem) — Jesus was talking to his followers about how to love God. He said we are like branches growing on a vine. The vine has strong, deep roots that bring food up from the ground. From the vine life flows out into all the branches. When the branches become strong and healthy they begin to grow fruit for people to eat and enjoy.

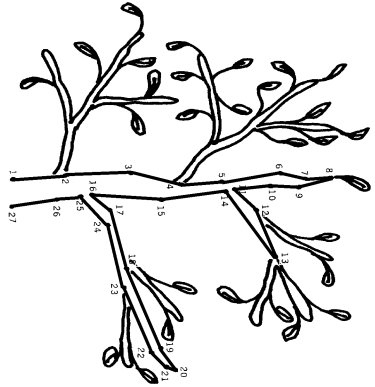
Jesus said he is the vine. His followers are all branches. Just as branches need to stay connected to the vine and trust the vine for life and strength, we need to stay close to Jesus. He will give us power to live our lives. He will help us to bear fruit for God.

Jesus also warned his followers not to try to live without him. That would be like a branch trying to live without the vine. Soon it dries up and dies.

John 15:1-8

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MATCHING GAME:	
TALK	PLANT
FOOD	SPEAK
VINE	JOINED
ENJOY	NOURISHMENT
CONNECTED	STRENGTH
POWER	LIKE

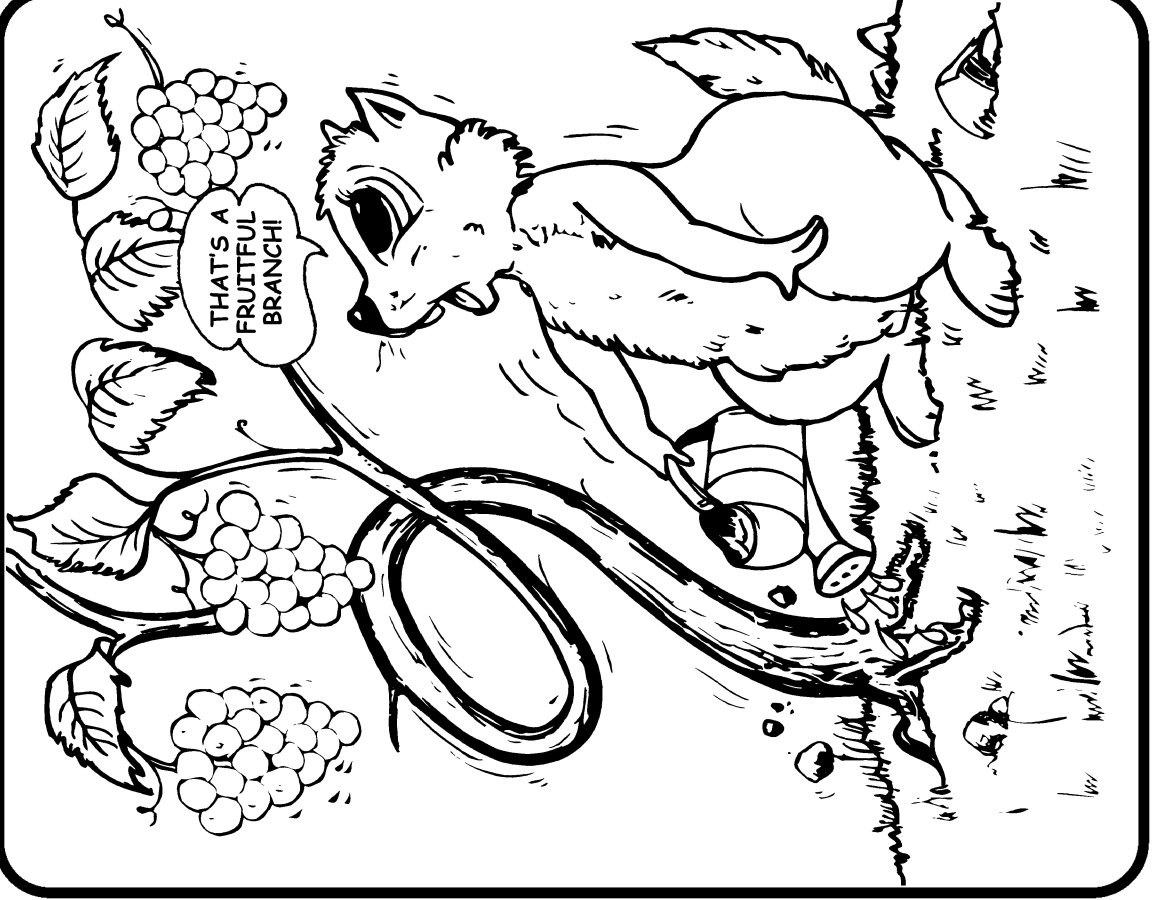


- ANSWERS**
- SCRAMBLED WORDS:
1. JERUSALEM
 2. BRANCHES
 3. ROOTS
 4. FRUIT
 5. STRONG
 6. TALKING
 7. TRUST
 8. WARNED
 9. LIVES
 10. BEGIN
 11. CONNECT
 12. FOLLOWERS

Mystery Phrase:
JESUS IS A VINE

GOSPEL GRAMS

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



Finish The Picture. In today's Gospel story Jesus tells us how we can bear a lot of good fruit in our lives. He tells us we need to be connected to him so this can happen. Here is a picture for you to finish. It is a picture of something that bears good fruit. After you finish the picture, write Jesus' name on the big part. Then write your name on one of the smaller parts.



Scrambled Words. Here are twelve words from today's Gospel story. Unscramble them and write the word on the line beside it. Then write each circled letter on the lines below to reveal the mystery phrase.

1. SEJURAEML ○ _ _ _ _ _
2. CRABNHSE _ _ _ _ _ ○
3. ROSOT _ _ _ _ _ ○
4. TUIFR _ _ _ _ _ ○
5. OSRNTG ○ _ _ _ _ _
6. NIATKLG _ _ _ _ _ ○
7. UTSRT _ _ _ _ _ ○
8. WERAND _ _ _ _ _ ○
9. ILEVS _ _ _ _ _ ○
10. GBENI _ _ _ _ _ ○
11. NCEOCNT _ _ _ _ _ ○
12. FLWEOLOSR _ _ _ _ _ ○

WORD LIST:
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Mystery Phrase:

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Matching Game. The words in the first column are from today's Gospel story. Draw a line to match them with the words in the second column that means about the same.

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| TALK | PLANT |
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| VINE | JOINED |
| ENJOY | NOURISHMENT |
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