



In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

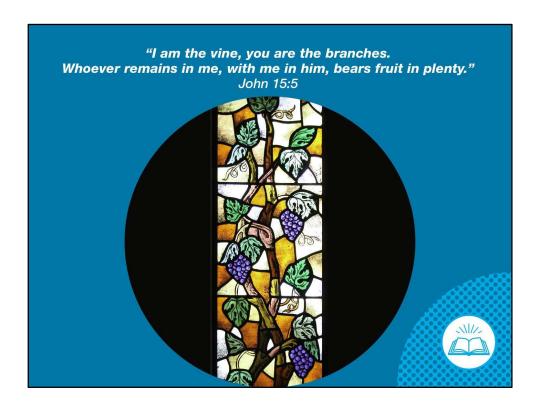
Amen

You probably know that:

- A fire needs wood to blaze.
- A phone needs a battery to work.
- Our bodies need food and water to function.
- Branches of a plant must be connected to the roots for fruit to grow.

But did you know that when we are connected to Jesus, we can love others well and know true peace?

Jesus gives us the strength to live well, and we can stay connected to Him through prayer.



Let's read the Scriptures and hear what Jesus says about being connected to Him.

#### Reader:

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty." John 15:5

#### **Prayer Leader:**

Jesus is the 'vine' and we are the 'branches'. When we are part of the vine, Jesus, we can be rooted and bear good fruit.

That doesn't mean we grow literal fruit! It means that we will learn how to live and love others well by being connected to Jesus.

Today we will be thinking about staying connected to Jesus, the vine.



Let's pray using our imagination.

- Close your eyes.
- Imagine a large vine tree, with branches stretching out from it.
- Think about what it feels like to be connected to Jesus like a branch to a vine.
- What helps you to picture this connection? You might be holding Jesus' hand. You might be giving Him a hug. You might be arm in arm.

Jesus wants us to be part of the vine, connected to Him.

How does being connected to Jesus make you feel? You might like to speak to Jesus in your heart now.



"Jesus promises that when we are connected to Him, we will bear fruit and live life to the full."

# What could you do today to stay connected to Jesus?

Perhaps you could think of Jesus every time you see a tree branch or eat a piece of fruit.

Let's finish by praying together. Repeat each line after me:

## Jesus, Thank you for making us part of the vine. Help us stay connected to you always, so we can grow good fruit and love like you.





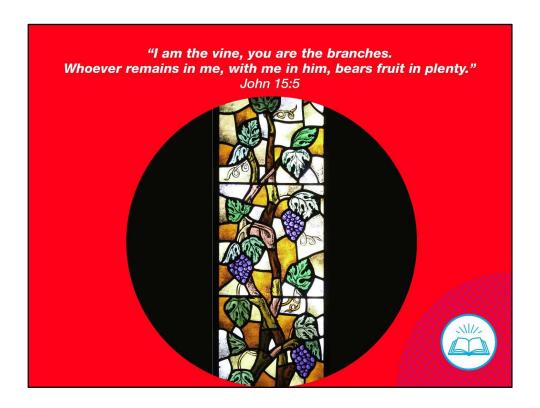
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Amen

Our prayers this week remind us that we are part of the vine, Jesus, and we can stay connected to Him through prayer.

When we are connected to Jesus, we will 'bear good fruit' by living well and loving others.

Today we will be thinking about bearing the fruit of love and kindness.



Let's remind ourselves what Jesus says in the Scriptures about bearing good fruit.

### Reader:

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty." John 15:5

#### **Prayer Leader:**

When we are part of the vine, we will be close to Jesus and get the things we need from Him.

The more connected we are to Jesus, the more we will know His love and kindness.

We can share this love and kindness with others too.



Let's pray using our imagination.

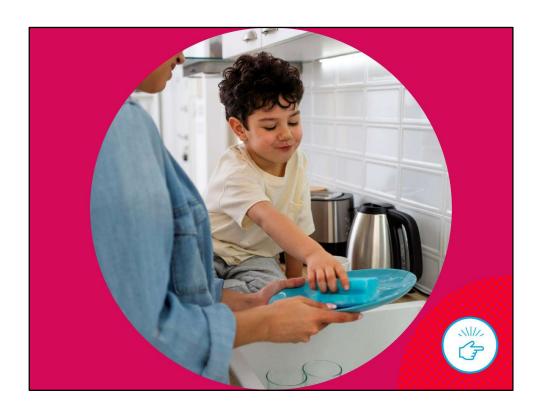
- Close your eyes.
- Imagine a large vine tree, with branches stretching out from it.
- Think about what it feels like to be connected to Jesus like a branch to a vine.
- Can you feel yourself growing in strength and love as you spend time with Jesus?
- How does Jesus show you His love and kindness?

Jesus wants us to share the love and kindness He shows us.

How does Jesus' love and kindness make you feel? You might like to speak to Jesus in your heart now.



Let's hear about Louisa's experience of prayer. She likes to pray using her imagination.



Jesus promises that when we are connected to Him, we will bear fruit so we can live life to the full. This means sharing His love and kindness with others.

### How can you be loving and kind today?

Perhaps you could choose to serve others by helping at school or at home.

Let's finish by praying together. Repeat each line after me:

#### Jesus,

Thank you for making us part of the vine.

Thank you that you give us strength to grow good fruit.

Help us to be loving and kind to others.





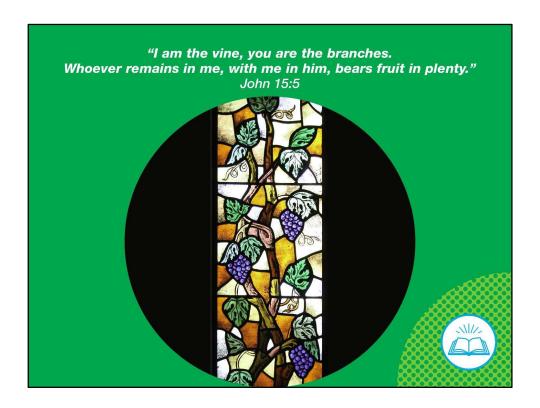
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Amen

As part of the vine, we get to be connected to Jesus who strengthens and helps us.

Through prayer and spending time with Jesus, the 'vine', we will 'bear good fruit'. We can then share what we receive from Jesus with others – like love and kindness.

Today we will be thinking about bearing the fruit of patience and self-control.



Let's remind ourselves what Jesus says in the Scriptures about bearing good fruit.

#### Reader:

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty." John 15:5

#### **Prayer Leader:**

Being part of the vine means that Jesus is in us -helping us, giving us strength to bear good fruit!

The more we know Jesus, the more we will be able to rely on His strength to be patient with others - even when we're feeling annoyed!



Let's pray using our imagination.

- Close your eyes.
- Imagine a large vine tree, with branches stretching out from it.
- Think about what it feels like to be connected to Jesus like a branch to a vine.
- Can you feel yourself growing in strength and patience as you spend time with Jesus?
- Where do you need Jesus' help to have more patience or self-control?

Jesus helps us to be slow to anger and quick to love others.

When do you find it difficult to be patient? You might like to speak to Jesus about this in your heart now.



Jesus promises that when we are connected to Him, we will bear fruit so we can live life to the full. This means having patience and self-control.

#### How can you be patient and show self-control today?

Perhaps you could try to get along with others and think before you speak.

Let's finish by praying together. Repeat each line after me:

#### Jesus,

Thank you for making us part of the vine.

Thank you that you give us strength to grow good fruit.

Help us to be patient and peaceful with others.





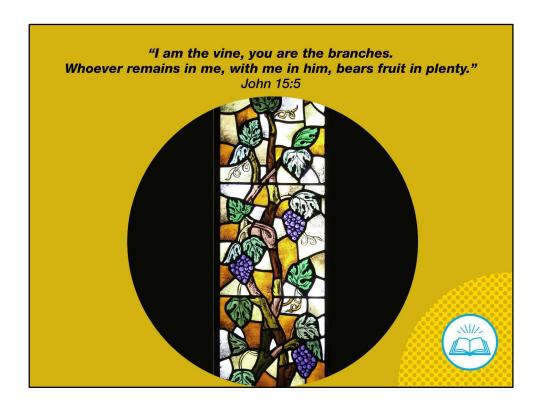
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Amen

This week we are praying and asking Jesus to strengthen us so we can stay connected to Him.

Jesus is the 'vine' and we are the branches. Through our connection with Jesus can we share what we receive from Him with others - like patience and self-control.

Today we will be thinking about bearing the fruit of generosity and joy.



Let's remind ourselves what Jesus says in the Scriptures about bearing good fruit.

#### Reader:

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#### **Prayer Leader:**

We can bear good fruit and grow to live well and love others when we are connected to Jesus.

When we are part of the vine, Jesus gives us strength to be generous and joyfuleven when we don't feel like it!



Let's pray using our imagination.

- Close your eyes.
- Imagine a large vine tree, with branches stretching out from it.
- Think about what it feels like to be connected to Jesus like a branch to a vine.
- Can you feel yourself growing in strength and joy as you spend time with Jesus?
- When has Jesus' love encouraged you to be generous or joyful?

Jesus wants our hearts to be full of generosity and joy, just like His heart is.

What makes you feel joyful?

You might like to speak to Jesus about this in your heart now.



Jesus promises that when we are connected to Him, we will bear fruit, so we can live life to the full. This means being generous and joyful.

#### How can you be generous and bring joy today?

Perhaps you could practise sharing your things, your time, your energy or your joy with others.

Let's finish by praying together. Repeat each line after me:

#### Jesus,

Thank you for making us part of the vine.

Thank you that you give us strength to grow good fruit.

Help us to be generous and share our joy with others.





Prayer Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

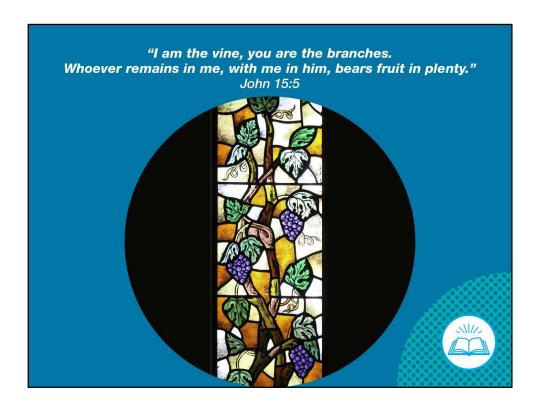
In our prayers this week we have been thinking about Jesus, the vine. We are the branches of the vine, connected to Jesus.

As we pray and spend time with Him, Jesus helps us and gives us strength to bear good fruit like:

- Love and kindness.
- Patience and self-control.
- Generosity and joy.

These 'fruits' help us to love others well and live peacefully with each other.

Today we will be thinking about **bearing the fruit of faithfulness and gentleness.** 



Let's remind ourselves what Jesus says in the Scriptures about bearing good fruit.

#### Reader:

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty." John 15:5

#### **Prayer Leader:**

We grow these good 'fruits' when we are part of the vine because Jesus is full of these great qualities.

When we are faithful in prayer, the time we spend with Jesus helps us to receive His love and guidance so we can be gentle, caring people toward others.



Let's pray using our imagination.

- Close your eyes.
- Imagine a large vine tree, with branches stretching out from it.
- Think about what it feels like to be connected to Jesus like a branch to a vine.
- Can you feel yourself growing in strength and security as you spend time connecting with Jesus?
- How has Jesus shown gentleness and care to you?

Jesus leads with love. He cares for everyone and always will.

How does Jesus' care make you feel? You might like to speak to Jesus in your heart now.



Jesus promises that when we are connected to Him, we will bear fruit so that we can live life to the full. This means being faithful and gentle.

#### How can you show faithfulness and gentleness today?

Perhaps you could pray and ask Jesus to give you a kind word to share with someone you care about.

Let's finish by praying together. Repeat each line after me:

Jesus, Thank you for making us part of the vine. Help us stay connected to you always, so we can grow good fruit and love like you.



