



## E-Kids: At home with your family 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020

### John 15:1-11 (Good News Translation)

**15** "I am the real vine, and my Father is the gardener. **2** He breaks off every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will be clean and bear more fruit. **3** You have been made clean already by the teaching I have given you.

**4** Remain united to me, and I will remain united to you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it can do so only if it remains in the vine. In the same way you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.

**5** "I am the vine, and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me.

**6** Those who do not remain in me are thrown out like a branch and dry up; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, where they are burned. **7** If you remain in me and my words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it. **8** My Father's glory is shown by your bearing much fruit; and in this way you become my disciples. **9** I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love. **10** 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.

**11** "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete

### Talking about the passage:

In e-kids today we will start by focusing on John 15:4-5 highlighted above, and then for those of you with children who are older or want to think a bit further. Then you can think about John 15:11

**A real "live" illustration**-it would be better to start this the day before or early on Sunday.

I hope this will work as a way to help pre-schoolers and above get an idea that staying joined to Jesus is a good thing.

Do this with your children Go out into the garden and pick a leaf/leaves off a stem. Keep the leaf and hopefully it will wither, and you will have a very visible illustration of how when something is removed from it's stem it just isn't as healthy. That's what we're like if we don't stick with Jesus. We might not be able to see it for ourselves, but Jesus tells his disciples that's what's happening.

### What does sticking/remaining with Jesus look like?

Here are some ideas to get you started

Remembering he's in charge and asking for his help.

Trusting that he knows what's best for you and doing what he says.

Trying to find out what he is like in the bible.

Asking him to help you act in the way he wants you to.

## Jesus Promises Joy

A very simple explanation, that might start a conversation *Things that make Jesus happy will make us happy*. This is true now but will also be true when we are living with Jesus in heaven.

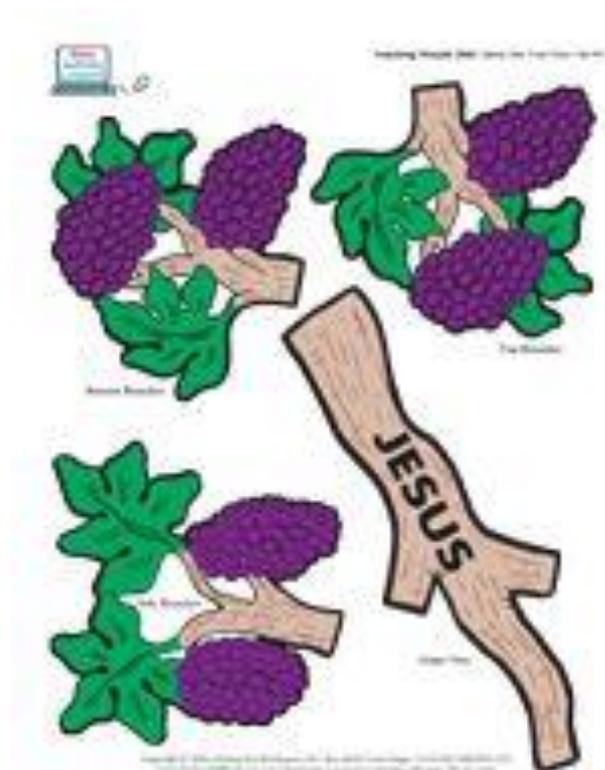
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This passage contains many concepts that are not straightforward for us as adults and are likely be tricky to talk about with our children. Don't be disheartened if you don't always have the answer, it is actually very good for children to know that adults have things to learn about Jesus too, and you can model so much by saying "I don't know let's ask God to help us understand"

### Activities

I have been unable to find the original site of this activity, but it should be possible to use the picture on the following sheet to make something that your children can stick together.

<https://pin.it/5ozGZ84>





## Word Search

Can you find all the underlined words from today's verse in the word search below:

**abide in**

**remain joined**

**Jesus is the vine**

**stay joined**

**him, we are the branches.**

**stick to**

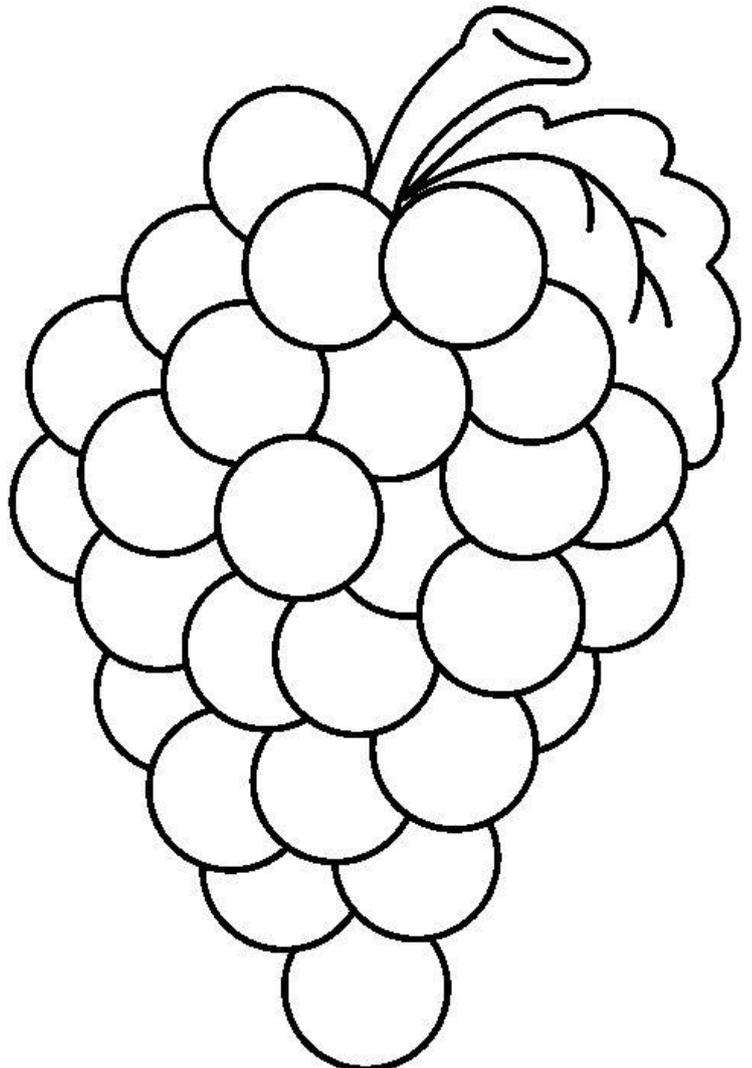
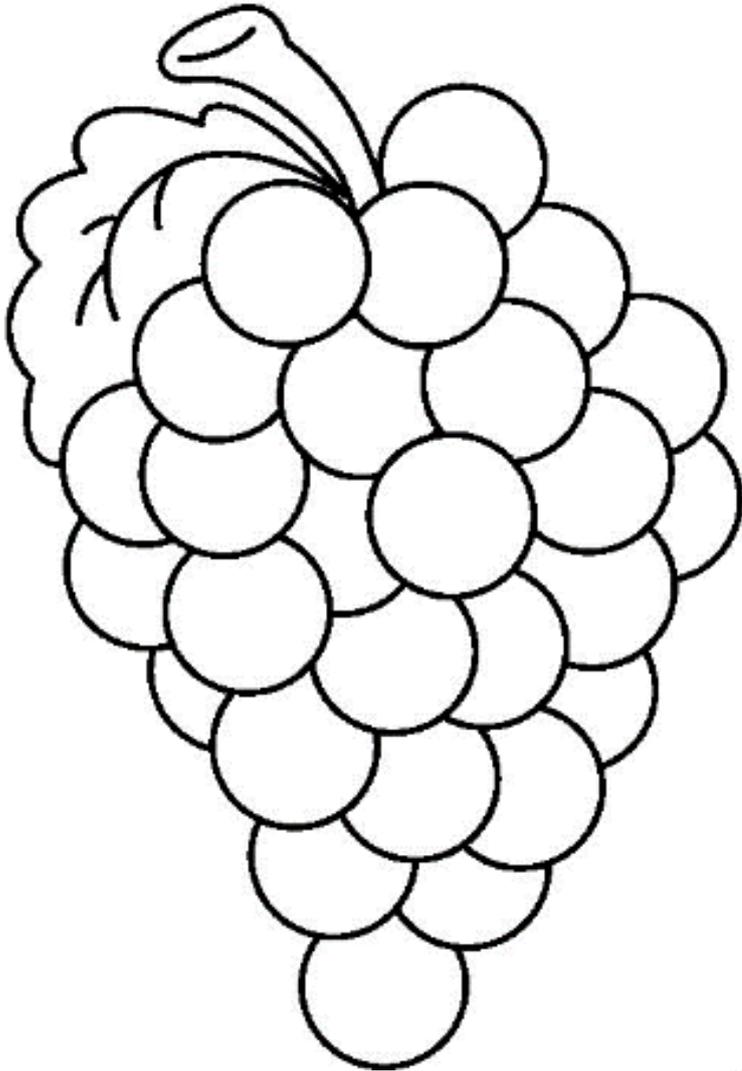
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**For Younger Children**

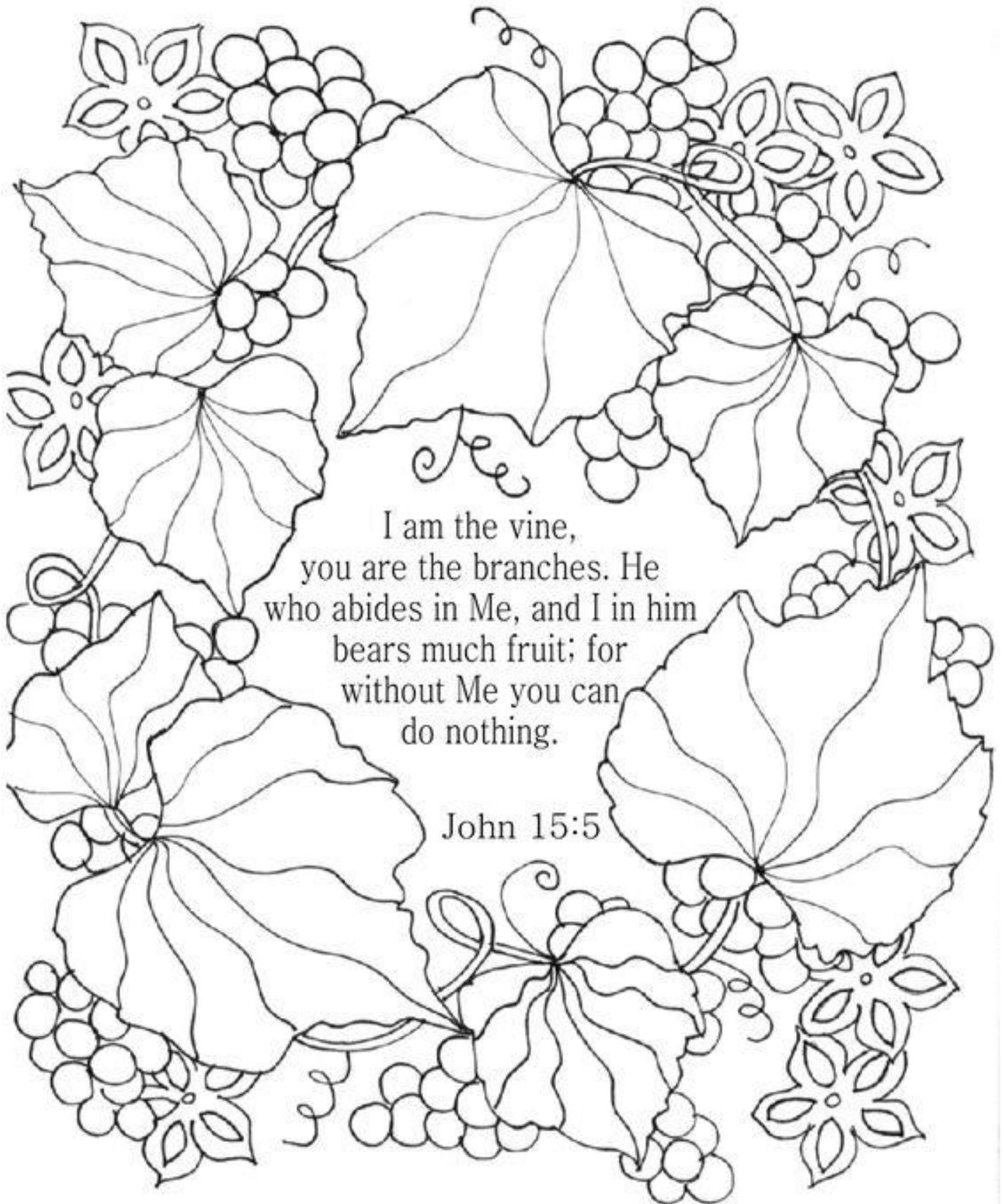
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Colour or stick onto the grapes you might want to make or draw a vine to stick them on to.



A picture to colour during the sermon

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I am the vine,  
you are the branches. He  
who abides in Me, and I in him  
bears much fruit; for  
without Me you can  
do nothing.

John 15:5

A fun maze you might like to try

Use the link below to print out a copy

<http://www.biblewise.com/kids/fun/the-vine-branches.php>

