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Hello Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday School Families,

"The True Vine" is the title of this week's lesson, from John 15:1-8. This lesson teaches about the fruits of the Spirit and how to produce good fruit, we need to be connected to Jesus. Our memory verse for this week is: "**I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.**" John 15:5

<https://sermons4kids.com/> is the homepage and where you will find the sermon lesson to read to your children. For this lesson, you will need a lamp (and an extension cord or nearby outlet to plug it in at the right time) and a tree branch.

To the right of the lesson are links to print a coloring page, word search, a crossword puzzle and more. Feel free to use any of these supplemental activities for your child's individual level.

This week's group activities can also be found in that list of resources besides the sermon reading. Feel free to use and modify any of these activities to suit your family. At the bottom of this email, there is a themed snack idea provided by Sermons4Kids. There you will also find the Discussion Questions and Suggested Prayer Starters from Sermons4Kids.

**Sample prayer for this week:**

*Dear God, help us remember that we need to stay plugged into Jesus if we're going to produce the kind of fruit You expect. In Jesus' name, amen.*

We pray for the peace and health of you all! We have been so excited to see many families returning to church and Sunday School these past few weeks and look forward to seeing you again this week!

God bless you,

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### **Elementary Discussion:**

This week, kids learned that Jesus is the true vine. "When we're connected to Jesus like the branches are connected to a vine, the fruit we produce is things like kindness and goodness to others. But we can't do it on our own; we need Jesus' help. Kids learned about the nine fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and how God produces good fruits (joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control) in us when we stay connected to Him. Bible Memory Verse: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

### **Monday**

Review John 15:5 today.

How can knowing about the Vine (Jesus) change the way you live?

Thank God for sending His Son Jesus to stay connected to you.

### **Tuesday**

Review John 15:5 today.

What fruits have you seen Jesus grow in your life?

Thank God for producing good fruits in you.

### **Wednesday**

Review John 15:5 today.

What fruits do you most want Jesus to grow in your life? Why?

Ask God to grow godly fruit in your heart.

### **Thursday**

Review John 15:5 today.

Tell about a time you've seen godly fruits in someone else. How did it make you feel?

Thank God for His love for you.

### **Friday**

Review John 15:5 today.

What is something that reminds you to stay connected to Jesus?

Ask God to remind you to stay close to Jesus so you can bear good fruit.

## Fruit Vine Snacks

You'll Need (use parental discretion with small items):

- Licorice rope
- Various fruit, sliced
- Paper plates - one per child
- Napkins - one per child

Follow these steps to make the Fruit Vine Snacks:

- Follow these steps to make the "Fruit Vines":
- Have kids clean their hands.
- Give each child a plate, some sliced fruit, a napkin, and a piece of licorice rope.
- Invite kids to make fruit vines by weaving the licorice rope along their plates and arranging the fruit so it's all connected to the vine.
- Enjoy!

Discuss:

- SAY: *Today we learned that Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. When we stay connected to Jesus, He produces fruit in us like love, joy, and kindness.*
- Tell about your favorite fruit to eat. What do you like about it?
- Remind kids of the fruits from Galatians 5:22-23.
- ASK: *Which fruit makes you feel really good to see in others? Why do you think God says it's good for that fruit to be in you, too?*