

# CATECHESIS@HOME 2021 #11

## "I AM THE TRUE VINE"

(5th Sunday of Easter)



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# The Vine & The Branches



## INTRODUCTION

This material has been prepared to provide families an opportunity to gather and spend time reflecting and discussing about the scripture readings of 5th Sunday of Easter.

## HOW TO USE THE MATERIAL

This document contains activities that members of the family may complete individually (just the children), in pairs (with parental assistance), or as an entire family. It would be helpful to print a hard-copy, so that members of your family may carry out different activities at the same time.

## WHEN TO USE THE MATERIAL

During the week after the family has celebrated the Mass of 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter.

## OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we have gathered here in the name of Jesus. Lord Jesus, you are the vine that nourishes us with new life so that we may bear good fruit in our lives. Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Peace, guide us during this family gathering. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.



## **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

Invite someone to read John 15: 1-8. Then, as a family reflect on the questions given below and share your responses with one another. If necessary, parents are encouraged to rephrase the information and questions according to their children's level of understanding.

### Time of reflection and response:

Today, we are invited to recognise our close relationship with God, the Father and Jesus, His Son. Jesus compares his relationship with his disciples to the relationship between a vine and the branches that grow on it. Through the image of the vine and the branches, Jesus invites us to be united closely to Him.

Jesus is also telling us that the very core of our existence is to be connected with him. He invites us to 'abide', to rest, to stay, to remain in him, so that his divine life flows in and through us. Jesus abides in us, and we are invited to abide in him, so that we can produce abundant fruit. We are the branches, and if we allow the life of the vine free reign in us, it will bear much fruit of patience, kindness, compassion and forgiveness.

As Christians, we have to take time to realise how much we have to be connected with Jesus so that we may receive life from him just as a great branch from the vine. Let us pray for the desire of a deeper relationship with Jesus, and for a fruitful life.

- What does it mean for me personally to know that I am as much a part of Jesus as the branch is a part of the vine?
- What does it mean for my own life that the life and power of Jesus flows into me and nourishes me? Are there things in my life that I would do differently if I consciously realised this?

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## FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Below you will find some activities for younger children, revolving around the first reading and the Gospel passage. Select the activities you would like to complete with your children, or try to complete them all if you can!

Activity #1: Find the words.

## The True Vine

"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 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 15:1-8

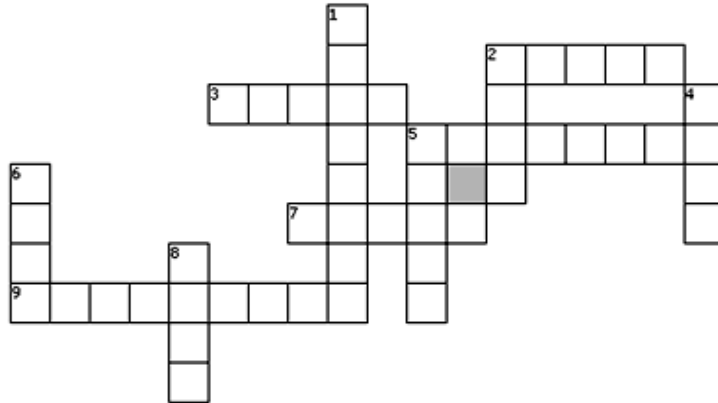
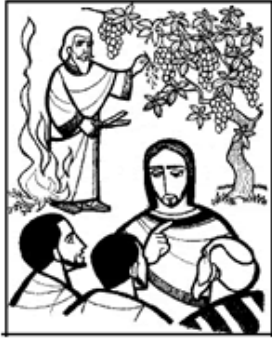
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N R F D P W H H J Z F N I F H  
C N S I J F M K E G B V Y B G  
H E Q E R H X G A R D E N E R  
U D F V A E W R Z U S S G G E

WORDS	GARDENER	REMAIN	BEAR	GLORY
CLEAN	PRUNES	THROWN	VINE	TRUE
FRUIT	BRANCH	FIRE	WITHERS	BURNED

Activity #2: Solve the puzzle.

# The True Vine

John 15:1-8 (NIV)



**ACROSS**

- 2. The part of a vine or tree which is eaten
- 3. Not dirty
- 5. A person who works with plants and flowers
- 7. To toss something through the air
- 9. Those who follow Jesus

**DOWN**

- 1. Arms that grow out from the trunk of a tree
- 2. Burning flame
- 4. The opposite of false
- 5. Praise or honor
- 6. Something that is spoken
- 8. A plant that climbs or creeps along the ground

true	fruit	clean	fire
vine	word	glory	disciples
gardener	branches	throw	

Activity #3: Find the words.

P	L	E	N	W	T	E	Y	E	P
Y	O	G	O	E	N	U	R	P	S
T	L	R	N	T	H	R	O	W	N
N	D	I	S	C	I	P	L	E	S
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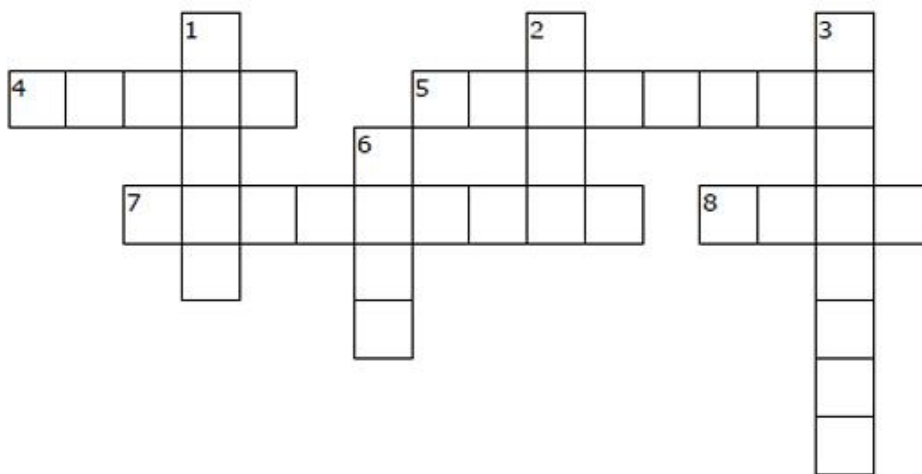
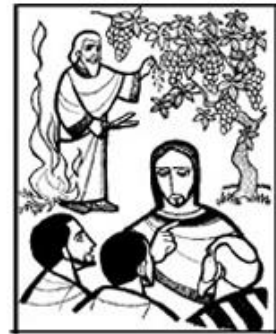
VINE BRANCH FRUIT PRUNES  
 WORD HOME PLENTY THROWN  
 FIRE BURNT GLORY DISCIPLES

Activity #4: Solve the puzzle.

# I Am the Vine

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Puzzle is based on John 15:1-8



## ACROSS

4. Praise or honor
5. A person who works with plants and flowers
7. Those who follow Jesus
8. A plant that climbs or creeps along the ground

## DOWN

1. The part of a vine or tree which is eaten
2. The opposite of false
3. Arms that grow out from the trunk of a tree
6. Burning flame

FRUIT	FIRE	BRANCHES	GLORY
TRUE	DISCIPLES	GARDENER	VINE

## Activity #5: Break the code.

# The True Vine

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*The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.*

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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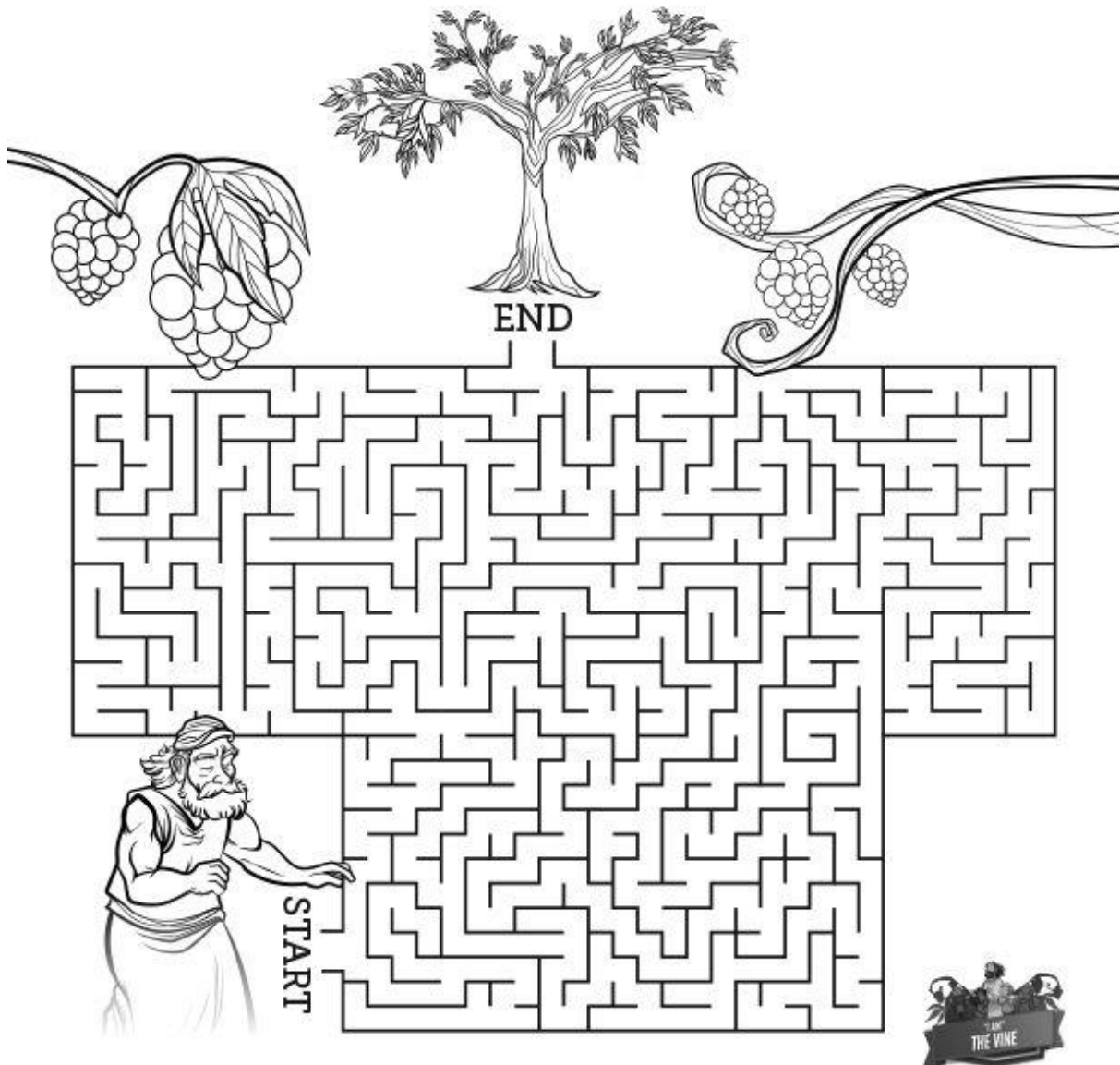
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- 22-9-14-5 \_\_\_\_\_
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- 7-1-18-4-5-14-5-18 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6-18-21-9-20 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2-5-1-18 \_\_\_\_\_
- 18-5-13-1-9-14 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2-18-1-14-3-8-5-19 \_\_\_\_\_

PRUNES	VINE	TRUE	GARDENER
FRUIT	BEAR	REMAIN	BRANCHES

Activity #6: Guide the gardener to the vine.

# "I AM" THE VINE

Guide the gardener to the fruit tree.



Activity #7: Spot the differences.

# "I AM" THE VINE

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



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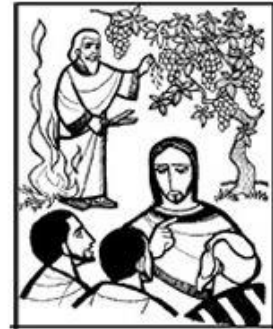


## Activity #8: Find the words

# I Am the Vine

"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 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 15:1-8



E F G P M J R Z N W U A Q F Q  
T O G M Z A N Y U X F F E L N  
D I K H G A R D E N E R W E A  
M L T F W I A P V I U B U C V  
O A H R R Y V Y C Z L H W I T  
G Q R R E D I A A Y S D B T T  
Z R O E M D N J A R C V U F H  
H U W D A D E X E B E A R L V  
E S N P I V J H C L E A N Z R  
T R U E N P T L H G J M E D E  
W G A R Y I R C Z A E D D R M  
L O L R W T N U L E P O I L G  
L F R O F A A H N M J F B V J  
P Z K D R V U T L E S M D D L  
W G G B S Y W O S J S I B S C

BURNED  
FIRE  
TRUE

WITHERS  
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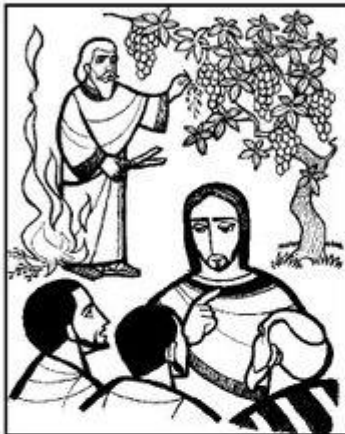
BRANCH  
CLEAN  
BEAR

## Activity #9: Unscramble the words and solve the puzzle.

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"I am the \_\_\_\_\_  
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do nothing.

John 15:5 (NIV)

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1

BNUR

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3

BAER

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2

FIER

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4

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1 2 3 4

Put the letters in the numbered squares in the same numbered square at the bottom of the puzzle to reveal the final answer.

#### *Jumbled Word Clues*

1. A sweet food that grows on a tree or a bush.
2. To destroy by fire
3. To produce fruit; it could also be a large brown animal
4. The light and heat produced by a flame.

Activity #10: Colour the picture.

