

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Lesson: Connected to Jesus

Praise & Worship: God Is the Vine - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gET4P4ZQsCQ>
My God is So Big - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WyOdDrVnORc>
Superhero - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cVnHYmc744s>

Scripture Reference: John 15:1-12

YouTube: The Vine and the Branches - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iEilEfThEjk>
I Am the Vine (ShareFaith Kids) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=btojLhvXzUc>

Memory Verse of Power: "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

Scripture summary:

1. In the parable of abiding in the Vine, Jesus is the Vine. God is the Vinedresser (Gardner), and we are the branches. The Gardner cares for the Vine, and the Vine supplies life giving nutrients to the branches so that they can produce (bear) good fruit.
2. Naturally, branches must stay connected to the vine to produce fruit. If the branches become disconnected from the vine, they are unable to produce fruit; they dry up; and they must be discarded.
3. Branches that remain connected to the vine are pruned so that they produce more fruit.
4. By staying connected to Jesus, His joy remains in us, our joy is full, and God is glorified by us producing lasting, healthy fruit.

Discussion Questions: Relationship between the vine and the branches

1. What is your favorite fruit? How would you describe it to someone who has never heard of it, or seen it, or tasted it? What would you say to make them want to experience the pleasure of enjoying the fruit?
2. How did the fruit you enjoy become so tasty? Answers will vary. (Seeds planted, good soil, sun, rain, good weather conditions, time to ripen, stay on the tree or vine until ripe enough to pick, etc.)
3. God created natural fruit to nourish our natural bodies and for us to enjoy its yummy goodness. He created spiritual fruit to nourish our spirits and for others to enjoy His yummy goodness through us (through our "spiritual fruit" actions and attitudes towards them.)
4. He wants us to produce spiritual fruit which is love, joy, peace, longsuffering (patience), kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22,23.) He wants us to enjoy it just as much if not more than we enjoy delicious natural fruit. Share examples of how we can abide in Jesus by practicing the fruit of the Spirit.

Encouragement:

1. Jesus says as the Father loves Him, He loves us, and we are to abide in His love. By abiding in His love, we have the ability to follow His command to love one another and produce/bear fruit that remains.
2. Jesus died on the cross, was buried, and arose from the grave so that we could be forgiven for our sins and become a part of God's family. (John 3:16)

Memory Verse of Power (MVP): Review and memorize John 15:5 (See above.)

Object Lesson: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDIS4otedvY>

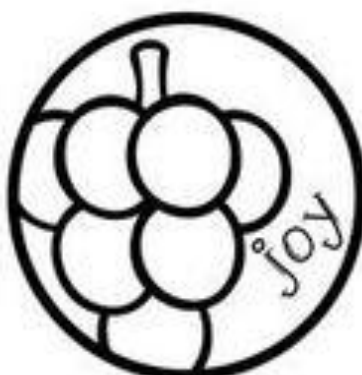
A lamp, light bulb. The lamp needs to be connected to the energy source in order for it to work.

Prayer: Thank you, Jesus for loving me and being my friend. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins so that I can be a part of the family of God. Thank you for teaching me how to produce spiritual fruit and be like you. Amen,

The Fruit of the Spirit



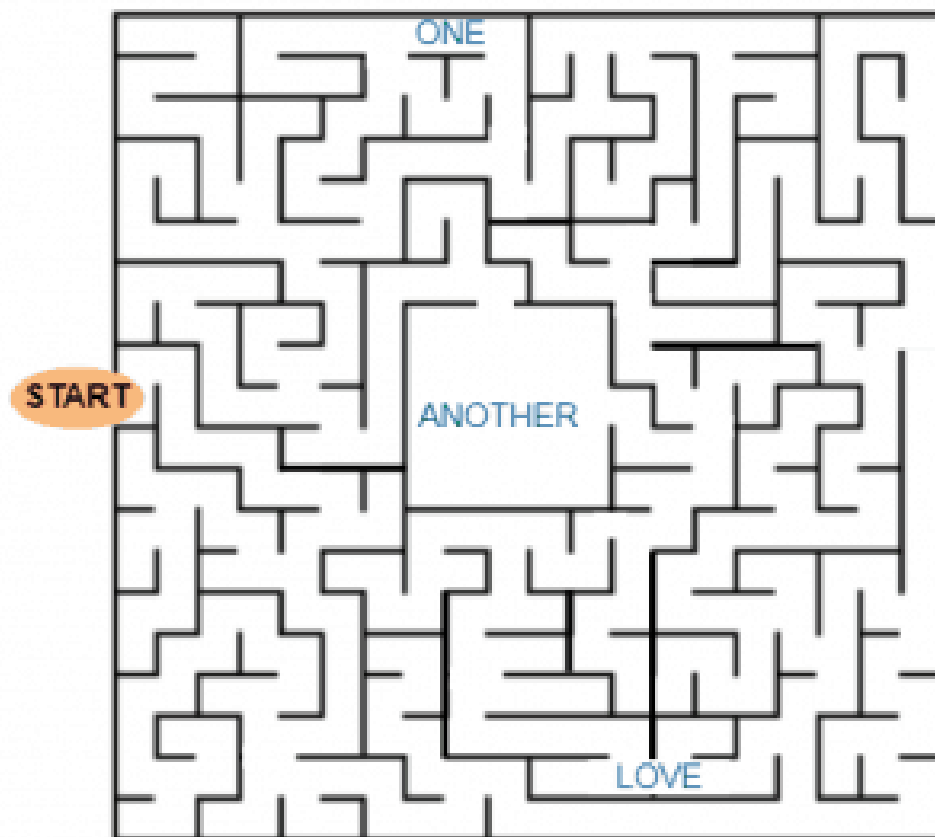
I can color the Fruits of the Spirit, cut (with a 2" puncher), hole punch and attach to yarn to make a necklace.



Love One Another Word Maze

Find your way from the start of the maze and connect the words from the answer phrase in their correct order.

Love one another. John 15:17b HCSB



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Fruit of the Spirit Concentration/Matching Game – You will need two pages of the sheet. Copy on cardstock. Cut out along dotted lines. Shuffle cards and turn face down. Take turns choosing two cards at a time. If the cards match, keep them and take another turn. If the cards don't match, replace them and let someone else take turn.
(Alternative: 1. Glue cards to construction paper. 2. Make your own fruit and cards.)



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