**The True Vine**

**Big Idea:** Jesus is the vine, so we can grow by staying connected to Him.

**Bible Basis:** John 15:1-17

**Key Verse:** John 15:5

**Starter: Kid’s Worship!**

Here are some links to kids worship songs including The Fruit of the Spirit which is a great lead-in to this weeks lesson.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vDzu9x9Aqw4&list=PLadc9fo1pca_YQWk_3uWveCYoCIjFkzmJ&index=3&t=0s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rezg4jYFoj0>

**Watch Video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfiKhrUl_no&list=PLadc9fo1pca_YQWk_3uWveCYoCIjFkzmJ&index=1>

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What does it mean to bear good fruit?

-To show and feel the fruits of the Spirit talked about in Galatians 5:22-23. “The fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy, and peace. It is being patient, kind, and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself.”

1. Talk through eat fruit of the Spirit. Make sure your kids know what each one means.
2. Jeremy said, “sometimes when bad things happen to us, bad things come out of us.” For example: when I am really really hungry (bad thing happening to me), I can be impatient with the people around me (bad thing coming out of me). **What is an example of this in your life?** What Jesus told His disciples means that if we stay connected to Him, even when bad things are happening to us, we can still show the fruits of the Spirit to those around us.
3. What are things you can do to stay connected to the vine? If Jesus is the vine and we are the branches, how do we stay connected to Jesus?
* Pray, read our bible, spend time with God, go to church, worship/sing to Him, etc.
1. What fruit of the Spirit do people see in you? Give an example.

**Craft/Activity/Snack Options:**

1. **Coloring Page:** Download file from above.
2. **Memory Match Game:** Download file from above. Print and cut out cards. Or create your own memory match cards with paper or index cards. Have your kids help you by drawing and coloring the cards. You will need 2 of each fruit of the Spirit/kind of fruit.

**Directions:** Place the memory match cards face down. Choose someone to go first. Have them flip over two cards in an attempt to find a match. If the cards do not match, flip them back over. If the cards do match, ask them the question below. After they have answered the question, remove the matching set of cards from the game. Continue until all of the matches have been found.

**Question:** What does that Fruit of the Spirit mean to you? What is one way this week you could exemplify that Fruit of the Spirit?

1. **Snack: Fruit Salad!**

Make fruit salad with you kids. Yum! Use your favorite recipe, experiment, or look up a new recipe online. Don’t miss this opportunity to go over the fruits of the Spirit again with your kids!

1. **Memory Verse:** Help your kids to memorize one of these:
2. The list of the fruits of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23
3. Or John 15:5 “I am the vine. You are the branches. If you remain joined to me, and I to you, you will bear a lot of fruit. You can’t do anything without me.”

**Prayer:** Don’t forget to pray with your kids!