

2 May 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus is the vine we are his

branches

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:



What is your favourite fruit? Whv?



Jesus says that we show that we are his followers by producing fruit. What do you think Jesus means by 'fruit'?



Jesus tells us that if we are to produce fruit, we need to remain with him. Other translations use the word 'stay' or 'abide'. What do these words mean for you?

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

John 15:1-8	Jesus the true vine
Acts 8:26-40	Philip and the eunuch
John 4:7-21	God is love
Deuteronomy 10:12-19	What the Lord wants
Mark 12:28-34	The first commandment
Galatians 3:23-29	Purpose of the law
Galatians 3:23-29 Psalm 22:25-31	Purpose of the law A vow of thanksgiving
	Acts 8:26-40 John 4:7-21 Deuteronomy 10:12-19

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you for never leaving us. Help us to stay with you. Produce your good fruit in our lives today. Amen

BLESSING

May the love of God bless you, live in you, and be perfected in you.

Creative Response

This is a great week to creatively represent what John 15:5 says. Use pipe cleaners, construction paper etc to create a vine, branches, leaves and fruit. Discuss what the 'fruit' is and note times this week when you see it displayed in one another's lives. Pray God will use you as you love each other. Keep the verse close to your heart by learning the actions below.

"I am the vine" -Move arms around in the air.

"you are the branches"

-Stand as still as a tree with your hands up.

"If you remain in me and I in him,"

-Hug your arms around your body.

"You will bear much fruit."

-Act like you are picking fruit off of a tree.

"Apart from me you can do nothing."

-Hold your arms apart with your palms out.

mealtime prayer

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; so thank you Lord, for all you give, this food and drink and love. Amen.

verse for the week

I am the vine, and you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me. JOHN 15:5



The Easter joy began with women at the empty tomb being sent out with a message that Jesus has been raised (Mark 16:6).

We, like the women, are sent out into the world with the good news of Jesus Christ's victory over sin and death. It was the same for Philip who met the Ethiopian eunuch on a wilderness road (Acts 8:26). As you meet people in your daily activities, find ways through your words and actions to communicate God's love to them. Whose life can you touch today with the freedom of the gospel that has conquered sin and death? Pray for Christian outreach throughout the world.



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