

# EASTER 5

EASTER 5 Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2021

JOHN 15:1-8

Jesus is the true vine



Do you like eating grapes? They can be sweet and juicy. But grapes are also grown to make an important drink – WINE! Perhaps you know someone who likes to drink wine! But in Jesus' time almost everyone would have drunk wine, even the children (theirs would be less strong than the wine that the grown-ups had.) Why do you think this might have been?



The water wasn't clean and could make you ill, so everyone drank wine or beer!

## ON OR OFF THE VINE?

If we are learning more and being more like Jesus, the things we do and say will help other people to be like him too.

Do you know what would happen to the grapes if they are taken off the vine? At first they might look the same, but after a while...



...look what happens!

Grapes grow on a vine, like this. The branches develop and the grapes grow on them. Can you imagine what would happen if there was an accident, and the branch was broken?



What happens if this branch breaks?

## Prayer Activity KINDNESS POSTCARDS

(from Prayer Spaces at Home - <https://www.prayerspacesinschools.com/prayer-spaces-at-home/?ps=30>)

Think about growing more like Jesus, and things that would show his love to people around you.

The activity suggests that you could write or draw on postcards and send them to people in care homes or anyone who is feeling lonely at the moment.

Pray, and ask God to fill these people with his love.

Jesus told us about a grape vine in the Bible. You can read it at John 15:1-8, or you could watch this film clip.

<https://youtu.be/HKI6zmr7qzE>

(please preview)

Think and talk about some ways you could be sure that you are staying and growing with Jesus.

The film clip ends with a challenge to think of 7 different kinds of fruit. How many can you come up with?



## ENJOY YOUR FRUIT!

Whenever you eat something that has grown on a tree, think about how you can make sure you stay close to Jesus.

Talk to the other people with you about how you think you can do this.