
Bear Fruit and Be Branches

Bible Craft Ideas from John 15:1-8

We know that Jesus is divine...and we are “de branches”! These fruit-themed crafts remind students of the importance of staying rooted in and connected to Christ. When we stay close to Him, we bear spiritual fruit. Apart from that “vine”, we wither and wane. These crafts include grape themes galore. A grapes versus raisins collage imparts the truth that, while raisins cannot turn back into grapes, we can turn back to God when we stray. A collective effort poster helps a group of children remember that we are all branches of the church. Decorative “grapes on a vine” use multiple resources to craft creative vines. And a “hands-on” project uses the hands and fingers of students to create a grape picture. Pluck one off the vine and have a “bunch” of fun!



Verses or Captions to Consider...

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. -John 15:4-5

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. -John 15:8

He is the vine...we are His branches!

Stay on the “vine” and bear spiritual fruit in Christ

God gives second chances!

Stay connected to Jesus!

Abide in HIM!

Craft Two: "We are the Branches" Poster

You will need:

- Glue and/or tape
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Caption or verse (Optional)
- Markers or crayons
- Paper bags
- Additional decoration as desired (or if you wish to hang)



Procedure:

1. Decorate a paper with initial drawings and captions (leaves, vines, verses, etc.).
2. Cut and twist a paper bag to create a three-dimensional "vine" effect.
3. Have children write their names on several grape-colored (purple or green) circles. Re-distribute the circles so children have a variety of names from their friends.
4. Glue or tape the grapes and vines to the main paper. Celebrate the community of the class and the fact that we are connected in Jesus!



Craft Four: "Fruit on Hand"

You will need:

- Construction paper/cardstock
- Ink or finger paint
- Markers or crayons
- Pipe cleaners (optional)
- Scissors
- Glue or tape



Procedure:

1. Trace the hand (and portion of the wrist) of the participant.
2. Add decorative "vines" with markers or pipe cleaners.
3. Add paper leaves and verses or captions.
4. Use the ink or finger paint to create "grape bunches" with fingers. Place the grapes near the vines (or draw them afterwards).
5. Add a pipe cleaner to hang, if desired.

