A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of a tropical island. In the background, a tall, yellow, tiered tower stands on a rocky outcrop. The island is dotted with numerous palm trees and lush green vegetation. In the foreground, a calm body of water reflects the sky, with several large, light-colored rocks scattered along the shoreline. The overall scene is bright and sunny, with a clear blue sky.

**“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.”**

JOHN 15:5



**RIDDLE
RANGERS**



HOMEGUIDE

Lesson 11.1

Name _____

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RIDDLE RANGERS MYSTERY ISLAND



DRAW IT!

Draw a picture of your favorite way to stay connected to Jesus. Some ways might include praying, singing songs, going to church, or reading the Bible.

JOURNAL IT!

The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Write about which of these “fruits” you need to grow in the most. Ask God to help you.

THIS WEEK WE LEARNED

JESUS IS 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: “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.” John 15:5 (NirV)





READ IT!

John 15:1-8. Draw a picture of the story or write to God what your favorite part of that story was. Tell Him why you liked it.

PRAY IT!

One way we can stay connected to Jesus is through prayer.
Write a prayer telling Jesus why you love Him so much.

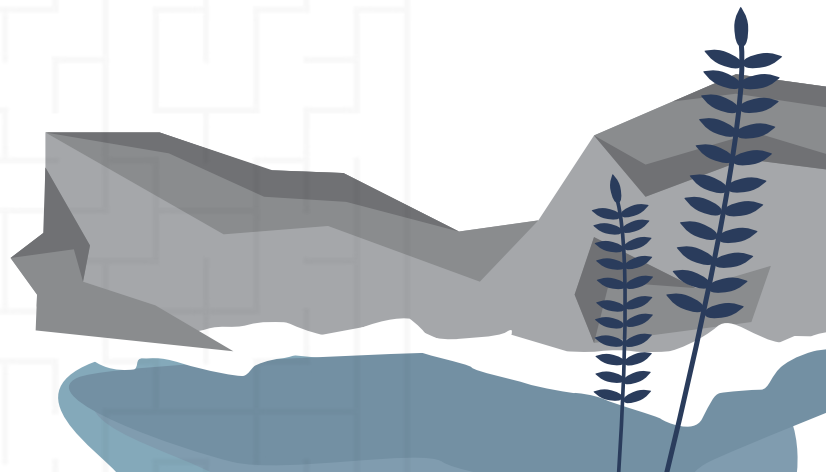
NEXT WEEK'S LESSON

JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

BIG IDEA: Jesus is the good shepherd, so we should listen to His voice and follow Him.

BIBLE BASIS: John 10:1-18

KEY VERSE: "I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep, and my sheep know me." John 10:14 (NirV)









FAMILY ACTIVITIES: JESUS IS THE TRUE VINE

FOR YOUNGER KIDS:

NIGHTY NIGHT

Supplies: None

Today's Bible verse:

"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." John 15:5

Directions: Practice the verse together several times. Next, have everyone lie down and pretend to sleep as you sing the sleeping song together. At the end of the song, fill in the blank with one of the suggested animals or objects. Everyone must then wake up and act like that animal or object. After a few moments of imagination play, say the Bible verse as if you were that animal or object. Then ask one person the question from below. Afterwards, direct everyone to go back to sleep and repeat.

Sleeping Song:

Sleeping, sleeping, everyone is sleeping.
When they woke up, they were all _____.

Suggested Animals or Objects:

Lions, robots, snakes, chickens, babies, sloths

Question: Can you remember a Fruit of the Spirit? (Answers include: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.) What does that mean to you? How do you show that "Fruit" to others?

FOR OLDER KIDS:

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT MEMORY MATCH

Supplies: 1 set of memory match cards. If you do not have access to a printer, you can create your own cards using paper or index cards.

Say: Today we learned that Jesus is like the vine and we're like the branches. When we stay connected to Jesus, we grow in the "Fruits of the Spirit." Does anyone remember what some of those fruits are? (Answers include: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.) We're going to play a game that will help us remember the Fruits of the Spirit and helps us think of ways to show it to others.

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?



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and I to you, you will bear a lot of fruit.” John 15:5