

Hello My friends! Are you guys ready to go on a Bible Adventure today? My name is Ms. Amanda and I am so excited to be your adventure guide today! But before we get started, let's get up, up, up on our feet and sing some songs nice and loud about Jesus! Here we go!

Welcome back from Worship: Welcome back my friends from Worship! You did such a good job singing nice and loud. All that singing sure makes my hungry! Wow! Good thing we have these yummy grapes here! Do you like eating grapes too?

Grapes are so yummy to my tummy – they taste so good and are healthy for us to eat.

Do you know how these grapes grow? That's right! Grapes are attached to a vine. (Clap and grape vine appears)

The vine is a very important part of the plant because the vine collects the water and sunlight which allows the grapes to grow!

What do you think would happen if the grapes were not attached to the vine? That's right, if the grapes were not attached to the vine, they would die. (*Show grapes that are squished and how they have gone bad when not attached*) The grapes attached to the vine are good, while the rotten grapes are squishy, molding and stinky.

In life, we are like grapes and Jesus is like the vine. As long as we stay close to Jesus or attached to the vine - we will do good things. The farther away from God that we are, the harder it is to do good. We need God to live, just like the grapes need their vine to live. God is our vine!

Bible:

Jesus taught us about the vine and the branches in our Bible! So, it's time to go on our Bible Adventure? Are you ready? If so, show me your Bible! The B.I.B.L.E - yes that's the book for me? I stand upon the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E!

We are going to open up our Bibles to the book of John – which is the New Testament, the 2nd half of the Bible. And we are going to be in Chapter 15 and read verses 1, 4 and 5. Let's turn on our listening ears and I will read it to you!

Read Passage

Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. Jesus wanted His disciples to understand what it meant to have a relationship with Him. And He wants us to understand how to have a relationship with Him too. So, Jesus used a word picture to help us understand. Jesus is like the vine. He is the source of everything. Remember, vines collect the sunlight and the water which help the grapes to grow. The grapes cannot grow if they are not attached to the vine.

When we try to do things on our own without Jesus, nothing will happen! We need Jesus because He is the source of everything!

The closer we are to Jesus the better. When we stay joined to the vine or to Jesus that means that His words become our words, His wants become our wants, His power becomes our power. We can love those that Jesus loves. A growing vine that produces fruit brings glory to the Gardener.

So when we are a follower of Jesus and we are growing that makes God so happy and it puts a smile on His face. When we are part of the true Vine, Jesus, our very lives depend on Him!

Questions:

- 1. What happens to the grapes that stay attached to the vine?**
- 2. What happens to the grapes that are not attached to the vine?**
- 3. What are some things in life that are hard to do on our own without Jesus?**

Great listening today my friends – thank you for letting me join you. And now it's time to do a fun activity together! Are you ready? Let's go!

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Activity

Wow, I loved Miss Amanda's story that taught us to stay connected to Jesus, and we can stay connected to Him when we follow Him! Gasp, that reminds me of a song I know! Let's sing it together!

We will follow Jesus, Jesus, Jesus

We will follow Jesus

Wherever He may go.

It's because He loves us, loves us, loves us

It's because He loves us

No matter where we go.

Whew, that was SO much fun! Thanks for singing along with me!! We can learn how to follow Jesus when we hide His words in our heart! So, let's go learn our memory verse together!