

For Preschool

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You are the branches.

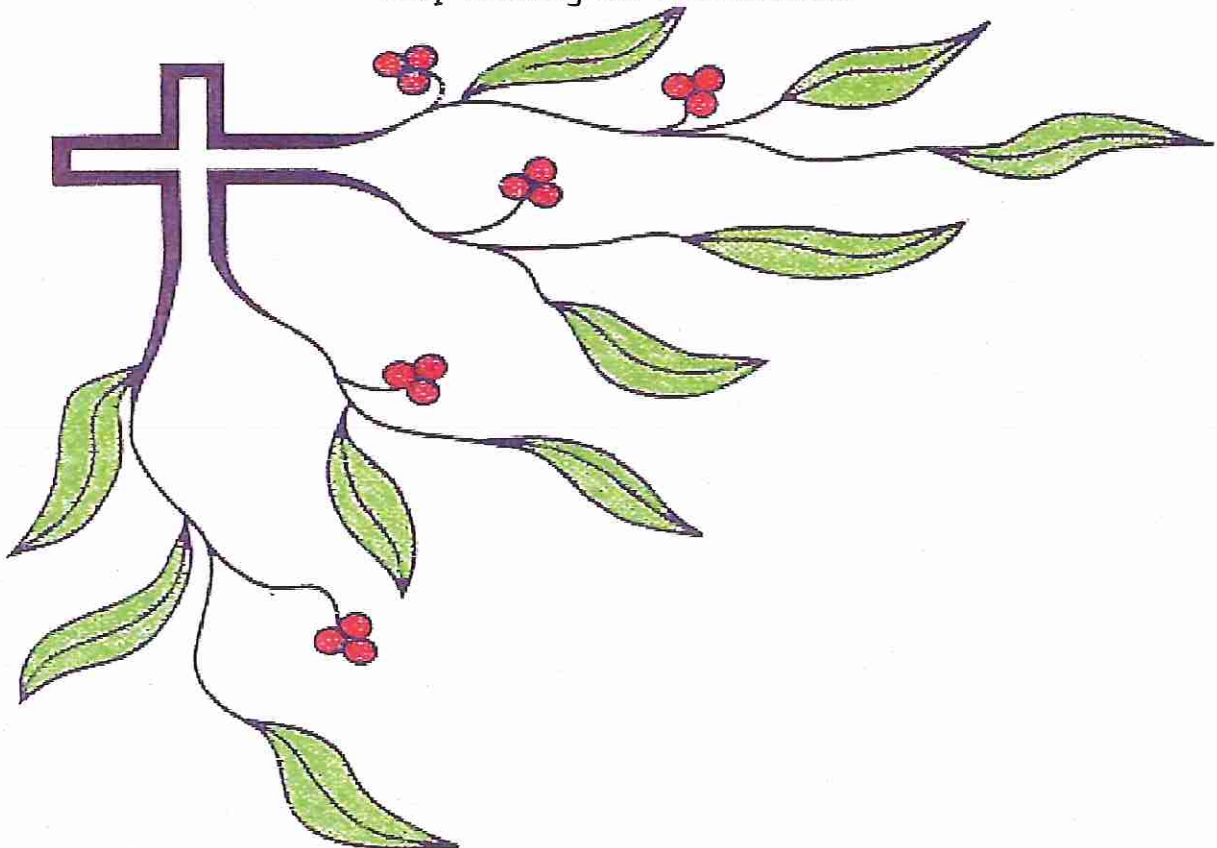


Do you love Jesus? Jesus says that those who love Him grow like fruit grows on a vine. Draw purple grapes growing on the branch.  
Draw green leaves on the branch too.

**For Grade School on Maundy Thursday  
To use before or during the sermon  
Jesus is the Vine, You are the Branches**

- John 15:1** "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.  
**2** Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.  
**3** Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.  
**4** 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.  
**6** If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.  
**7** If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.  
**8** By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.  
**9** As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love.  
**10** If you keep my commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.  
**11** These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

*Keep drawing the vine branches*



**Questions to answer from this passage:**

Vs 1	Who does Jesus say the vine is? What is God's job?	
Vs 2	What happens to a branch that does not have any fruit? What is another word for pruned? What happens when a branch is pruned?	
Vs 4	What does "abide" mean? Ask yourself: Is Jesus my Savior? Is He in my heart? Look at the picture of the vine above. Where does the vine come from? Why is it good to abide?	
Vs 5	Who bears fruit? What is the fruit that grows in a Christian?	
Vs 7	If Jesus is in you, then you are in _____. Where does Jesus want His Word to be?	
Vs 8	What does a disciple do?	
Vs 9	Is God's love for you important?	
Vs 10	What are you saying to God when you keep His commandments?	_____.
Vs 11	What does Jesus give His children?	
Vs 12	How did Jesus tell us we can summarize the commandments?	1. 2.
	How did Jesus show His love for you?	

On Thursday night Jesus met with His disciples in the Upper Room. It was the night before He died. He had His Last Supper with them. The meal was a reminder of the Passover when God took the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. Now Jesus was getting ready to show them He was paying their debt to God for their sin. Everything they ate was from the Passover and it had great meaning. Now Jesus was showing them that He was the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. And in the middle of the supper Jesus got up and washed their feet. He was showing them His love as He served them. Now we serve others out of love for Jesus and for them. We are the vine. We bear fruit because we live in Jesus and He lives in us.

## Gr School John 13 Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet Maundy Thursday

<sup>1</sup>It was just before the Passover **Feast**. Jesus knew that the **time** had come for Him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved His own who were in the world, He now showed them the full **extent** of His love.

<sup>2</sup>The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to **betray** Jesus. <sup>3</sup>Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under His power, and that He had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup>so He got up from the meal, took **off** His outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around His **waist**. <sup>5</sup>After that, He poured **water** into a **basin** and began to wash His disciples' feet, drying them with the **towel** that was wrapped around Him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to Him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>"No," said Peter, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with Me." <sup>9</sup>"Then, Lord," **Simon** Peter replied, "**not** just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." <sup>11</sup>For He knew who was going to betray Him, and that was why He said not every one was clean. <sup>12</sup>When He had finished washing their feet, He put on His **clothes** and returned to His **place**. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" He asked them. <sup>13</sup>"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's **feet**. <sup>15</sup>I have set you an **example** that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup>I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, **nor** is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

**Draw a bowl and a towel below:**

<b>T</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>T</b>
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This is the summary act of His ministry. Jesus has become the servant of all. His only attitude is that of a servant. Jesus serves us – by cleansing us with His blood. He is not our Master if He has not done this. And even when He has cleansed us with His own blood, we still need daily cleansing. And so we say, "Forgive Me, Jesus, for what I have said, done, thought."

Jesus, the Lord and King, is the one who serves humbles Himself. And He forgives us forever and every day.