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Big Point: Eternally Planted in Christ

God's Word: The Vine and the Branches (John 15:1-7)

Memory Verse: "I am the vine. You are the branches. If anyone remains joined to me, and I to him, he will bear a lot of fruit. You can't do anything without me." (John 15:5)

Life Question: How do I stay rooted in Christ more and more?

Kids Spot

Activity 1: Spiritual Gardening

Instructions

Say:

Who likes gardening? Let's think about spiritual gardening and what plants need to grow.

Ask the children to refer to the following verses in their Bibles.

Teacher reads the verses but let the children fill in the highlighted parts of the following verses.

- Matthew 13:8 (NIRV), "Still, other seed fell on **good soil**. It produced a crop 100, 60 or 30 times **more than** what was planted."
- Psalm 1:2-3 (NIRV), "Instead, he takes delight in the **law of the Lord**. He thinks about his law day and night. He is like a tree that is planted near a stream of **water**. It always bears its fruit at the right time. Its leaves don't dry up. Everything godly people do turns out well."
- John 7:39 (NIRV), "Does anyone believe in me? Then, just as Scripture says, streams of living **water** will flow from **inside** him."
- Psalm 119:105 (NIRV), "Your **word** is like a lamp that shows me the way. It is like a **light** that guides me."

Ask:

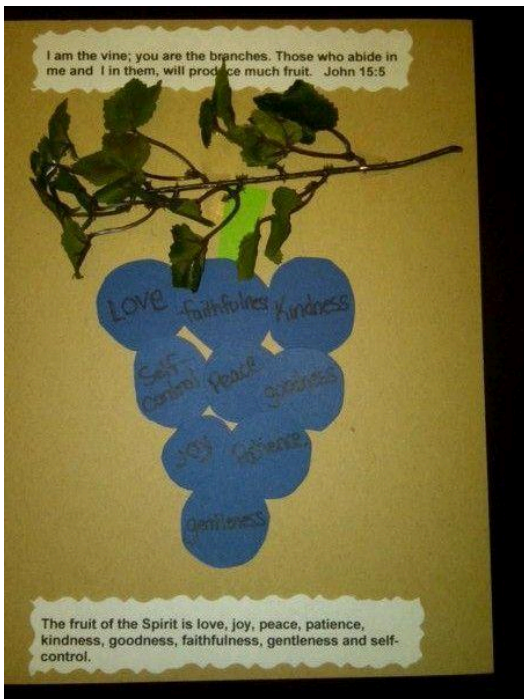
- What are the 3 necessary ingredients for a plant to grow? (Good soil, water, sunlight)
- What is the good soil? (Our hearts)

- What is the water? (Jesus – His words, commands, presence)
- What is the sunlight? (God’s word – the Bible)

How do I stay rooted in Christ more and more? (Encourage the children to use what they have learned to answer)

Activity 2: Craft

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Instructions

- Glue the scripture verses as above (Note: the address of the verses should be printed as well)
- Draw a vine and branches.
- Glue the leaves joined at the branches.
- Write the fruit of the Spirit on the “grapes” (refer to Galatians 5:22-23).
- Glue the grapes.

Materials

1. Construction paper to glue everything on it.
2. Print and cut out scripture verses from John 15:5 and Galatians 5:22-23 on plain paper
3. Leaves – free hand draw and cut from green construction paper
4. Writing pen or marker
5. Paper glue

Activity 3: Craft



Materials

- Paper plates
- Heavy cardboard
- Balloon

How to make

- Give each child a paper plate and a heavy cardboard. Stick both together as the image above
- Write the Bible verse on the plate
- Have the children blow up the balloons and write things on the balloon that God tells them to do

Instructions

- Use the paper plate to keep the balloon from touching the ground