



2 May 2021
FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

Jesus is the vine we are his
branches

verse for the week

I am the vine, and
you are the branches.
The one who remains
in me and I in him
produces much fruit,
because you can do
nothing without me.

JOHN 15:5

Caring Conversations

Share your highs
and lows of the
day, or respond
to the following
questions:

1

What is your
favourite fruit?
Why?

2

Jesus says that
we show that we
are his followers
by producing
fruit. What do
you think Jesus
means by 'fruit'?

3

Jesus tells us
that if we are to
produce fruit, we
need to remain
with him. Other
translations use
the word 'stay'
or 'abide'. What
do these words
mean for you?

Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	John 15:1-8	Jesus the true vine
M	Acts 8:26-40	Philip and the eunuch
T	John 4:7-21	God is love
W	Deuteronomy 10:12-19	What the Lord wants
T	Mark 12:28-34	The first commandment
F	Galatians 3:23-29	Purpose of the law
S	Psalms 22:25-31	A vow of thanksgiving
S	John 15:9-17	Love one another

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank
you for never
leaving us. Help us
to stay with you.
Produce your good
fruit in our lives
today. Amen

BLESSING

May the love of
God bless you,
live in you, and
be perfected
in you.

Creative Response

This is a great week to creatively represent what John 15:5 says. Use pipe cleaners, construction paper etc to create a vine, branches, leaves and fruit. Discuss what the 'fruit' is and note times this week when you see it displayed in one another's lives. Pray God will use you as you love each other. Keep the verse close to your heart by learning the actions below.

"I am the vine" -Move arms around in the air.

"you are the branches"

-Stand as still as a tree with your hands up.

"If you remain in me and I in him,"

-Hug your arms around your body.

"You will bear much fruit."

-Act like you are picking fruit off of a tree.

"Apart from me you can do nothing."

-Hold your arms apart with your palms out.

mealtIME prayer

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; so thank you Lord, for all you give, this food and drink and love. Amen.

Service



The Easter joy began with women at the empty tomb being sent out with a message that Jesus has been raised (Mark 16:6).

We, like the women, are sent out into the world with the good news of Jesus Christ's victory over sin and death. It was the same for Philip who met the Ethiopian eunuch on a wilderness road (Acts 8:26). As you meet people in your daily activities, find ways through your words and actions to communicate God's love to them. Whose life can you touch today with the freedom of the gospel that has conquered sin and death? Pray for Christian outreach throughout the world.