

# Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie  
welcomes

.....

to Mass today.

## Branches on a Tree



**“I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay close to me and carry my words in your heart, then you will bear much fruit, and as my disciples, bring glory to my Father in Heaven”.**

**John 15: 5-8**

### ***Fifth Sunday of Easter. Year B.***

Recently I was working in our garden and I found this branch underneath a tree, which must have been broken off by the wind. The new leaves on it had already started to wither and die. I also found another branch nearby, which had no leaves at all; it was completely dead. In fact, I wouldn't even call it a branch, I would call it a stick.

Do you think that if I took these branches out into my garden and planted them in the ground and watered them, they would come back to life? No, that wouldn't work... It wouldn't work because the branches get the nutrients that they need to live from the tree, and branches cannot live or grow without the tree. Without the tree, there will never be leaves on the branches. If the branch comes from a fruit tree, there will never be fruit on the branch if it is separated from the tree. So if I were to take the dead branch and plant it in the ground and water it, it won't come back to life; it will just be an old stick in the mud.

That same thing is true about our life with Jesus. Listen to what Jesus said, "I am the vine and you are the branches; without me you are useless and cannot bear any fruit. But if you stay close to me and carry my words in your heart, then you will bear much fruit and as my disciples, bring glory to my Father in heaven".

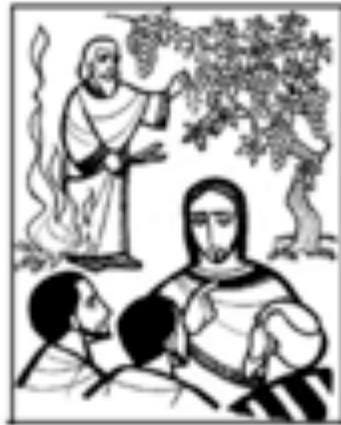
If we keep our life connected to Jesus, we will grow. Our life will produce beautiful leaves and delicious fruit. But if we are separated from Jesus, our leaves will wither and die and we will never put forth any fruit.

What will your life be? Will you be a beautiful branch on the tree...or will you just be a stick, stuck in the mud?

# Word Search

"I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay close to me and carry my words in your heart, then you will bear much fruit, and as my disciples, bring glory to my Father in Heaven".

This word search is based on John 15:1-8



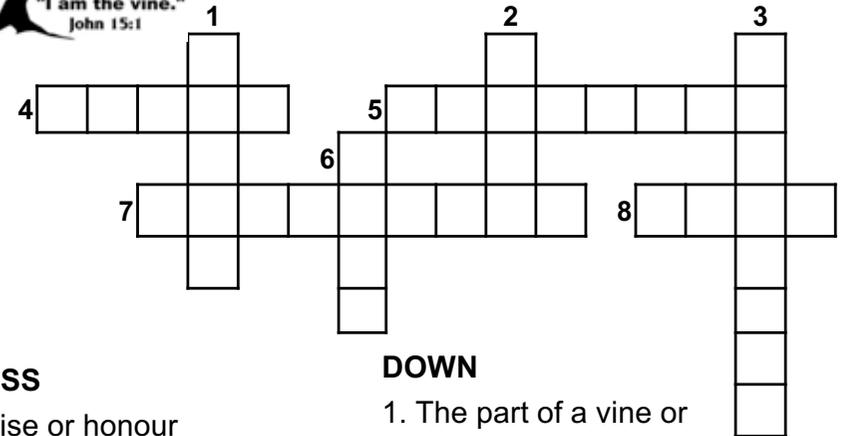
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BURNED	WITHERS	GARDENER
GLORY	BRANCH	FIRE
THROWN	WORDS	PRUNES
CLEAN	TRUE	FRUIT
REMAIN	VINE	BEAR



"I am the vine."  
John 15:1

# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

- Praise or honour
- A person who works with plants and flowers
- Those who follow Jesus
- A plant that climbs or creeps along the ground

## DOWN

- The part of a vine or tree which is eaten
- The opposite of false
- Arms that grow out from the trunk of a tree
- Burning flame

Fruit	Fire	Branches	Glory
True	Disciples	Gardener	Vine

# Children's Prayer

Dear Jesus. Please help us to remember that without you, we can do nothing. Please help us to invite you fully into our lives, so that we can bring glory to our Father in heaven! Amen.

