



**Today, on this Summer Thursday:
Jesus told him, “I AM the TRUE VINE...”**

Gather your children together and read John 15:1,

“I AM the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.”

Application: Jesus continues to prepare His disciples for His imminent departure. Once again, Jesus identifies Himself to them. . . explaining who He is. . . who their Father God is. . . I AM. . .

My grand-children love walking up to our garden. To them, it is a wonderful adventure! We stop to look at the little ceramic frog by the iron-gate. . . and as we open the iron-gate to step inside the rocked garden area, they are filled with anticipation to see what is growing. They expect to see the fruit attached to the branches of the pomegranate trees; and squash, zucchini, and tomatoes growing on the plants. Their favorite is the big orange pumpkin!

Jesus reminds His disciples that He is the source of life. . . He created all things. . . He is the source of Abundant Life, of Truth-filled life, of Joy-filled life, and of Eternal Life. Jesus is the ONE TRUE VINE. . .

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

John 15:5

Jesus wants each one of His children to know the truth. . . In order for our lives to shine His Light, His Truth, His Love, and to enjoy an intimate relationship with the Heavenly Father, we must remain securely attached and tethered to HIM, the source of life. . . We are like the branches; branches bear fruit or vegetables only when they remain attached to the source of life the vine which is rooted, for nourishment and life . . . We must remain Securely Attached to Jesus, for nourishment and life.





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If possible, visit a garden, maybe in your own back-yard. Remind your children that in order for the delicious fruits and veggies to grow, they must be attached to the plant... or to the branches... which attach to the tree... Discuss with them the importance of our lives staying connected and attached to Jesus. He tells the truth... the only way we have the life He wants for us, being kind, joyful, gentle, faithful, peaceful, loving... is to remain very close to Him. Jesus wants to be close to us, always and forever... We are in Jesus and He is in us! Always and forever! Tell them so they will know!

Memory Verse:

“I AM the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.”

“Pray to GOD and thank Him for JESUS, the TRUE VINE... the source for all life. Thank God that He desires to have the intimate, individual relationship with you and your precious ones. Thank Him that He protects and cares for His children. Thank Him for helping us to shine His Light... bear His fruit... and to Love His people. Thank Him for His always and forever love!

