



FAMILY ACTIVITIES: JESUS IS THE TRUE VINE

FOR YOUNGER KIDS:

NIGHTY NIGHT

Supplies: None

Today's Bible verse:

"I am the vine. You are the branches. If you remain joined to me, and I to you, you will bear a lot of fruit." John 15:5

Directions: Practice the verse together several times. Next, have everyone lie down and pretend to sleep as you sing the sleeping song together. At the end of the song, fill in the blank with one of the suggested animals or objects. Everyone must then wake up and act like that animal or object. After a few moments of imagination play, say the Bible verse as if you were that animal or object. Then ask one person the question from below. Afterwards, direct everyone to go back to sleep and repeat.

Sleeping Song:

Sleeping, sleeping, everyone is sleeping.
When they woke up, they were all _____.

Suggested Animals or Objects:

Lions, robots, snakes, chickens, babies, sloths

Question: Can you remember a Fruit of the Spirit? (Answers include: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.) What does that mean to you? How do you show that "Fruit" to others?

FOR OLDER KIDS:

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT MEMORY MATCH

Supplies: 1 set of memory match cards. If you do not have access to a printer, you can create your own cards using paper or index cards.

Say: Today we learned that Jesus is like the vine and we're like the branches. When we stay connected to Jesus, we grow in the "Fruits of the Spirit." Does anyone remember what some of those fruits are? (Answers include: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.) We're going to play a game that will help us remember the Fruits of the Spirit and helps us think of ways to show it to others.

Directions: Place the memory match cards face down. Choose someone to go first. Have them flip over two cards in an attempt to find a match. If the cards do *not* match, flip them back over. If the cards *do* match, ask them the question below. After they have answered the question, remove the matching set of cards from the game. Continue until all of the matches have been found.

Question: What does that Fruit of the Spirit mean to you? What is one way this week you could exemplify that Fruit of the Spirit?