

St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church Junior Church Activity Sheet

2nd May 2021 Easter 5

Here is something to pass the time at home as we can't meet in church at the moment – a story and some activities.



Jesus tells his disciples what it feels like if you are following him.

Jesus described himself as many things when he was trying to explain to his disciples about his relationship with God, and their relationship with him. He said 'I am the good shepherd', and, 'I am the bread of life', and one day he said: I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. Live in me like I live in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it stays connected and part of the vine, neither can you unless you stay connected to me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who are connected to me bear much fruit. Whoever does not stay connected to me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. Stay as my followers and grow much fruit.

Vines were important plants in Jesus' time, just as they are today. Everybody who could grow one would do so, because of the grapes and the wine that they could make from them. So vines were precious plants and you would look after them carefully. Dead branches would be cut off and used for firewood. Straggly branches would be pruned and cut back, which would make them grow more grapes.

Jesus is saying that we need to stay connected to him – remembering what he has taught us – if we want to lead good lives, to be loving and caring and stand up for justice and kindness.

Things to do:

Vines make lovely decorations, because they have beautiful leaves and fruit and wonderfully twisty branches.

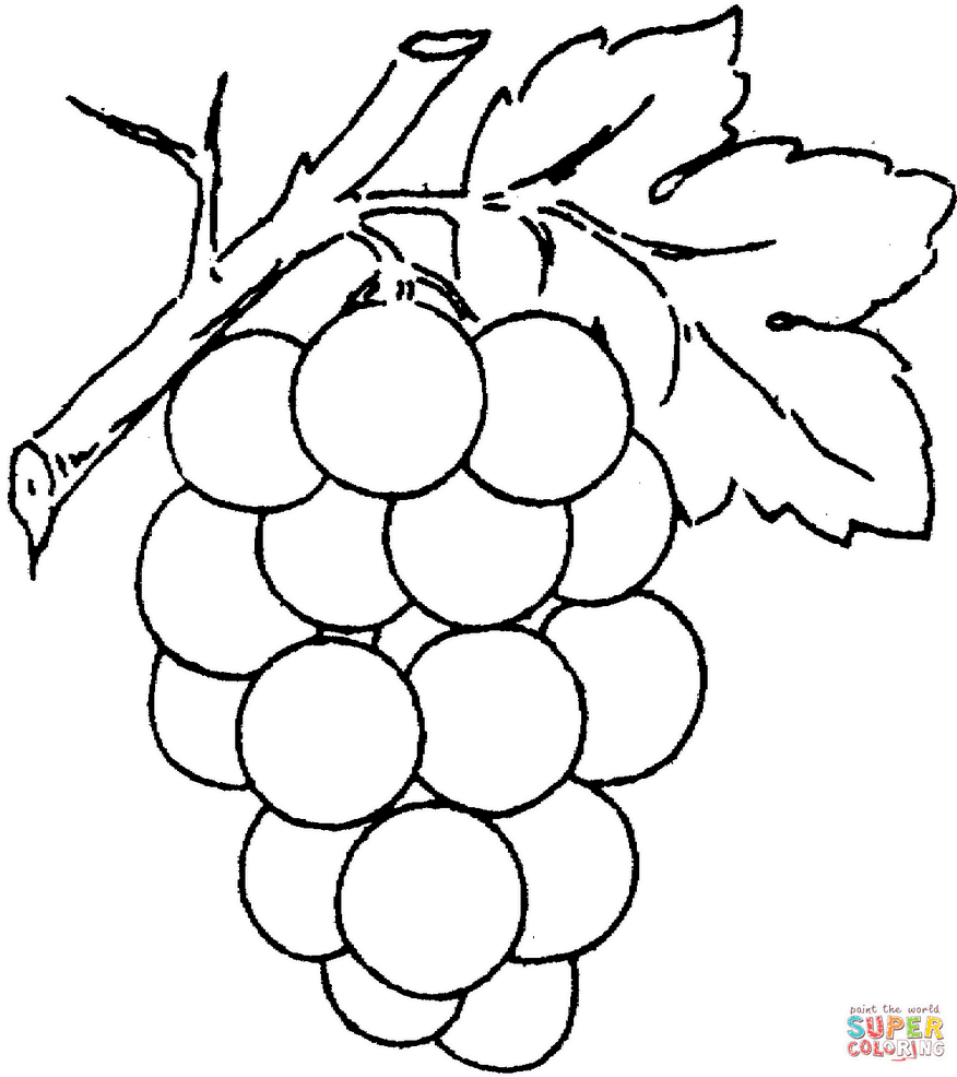
You can print off the next page and make a sign for your door. Write your name in the middle and colour in the decoration.

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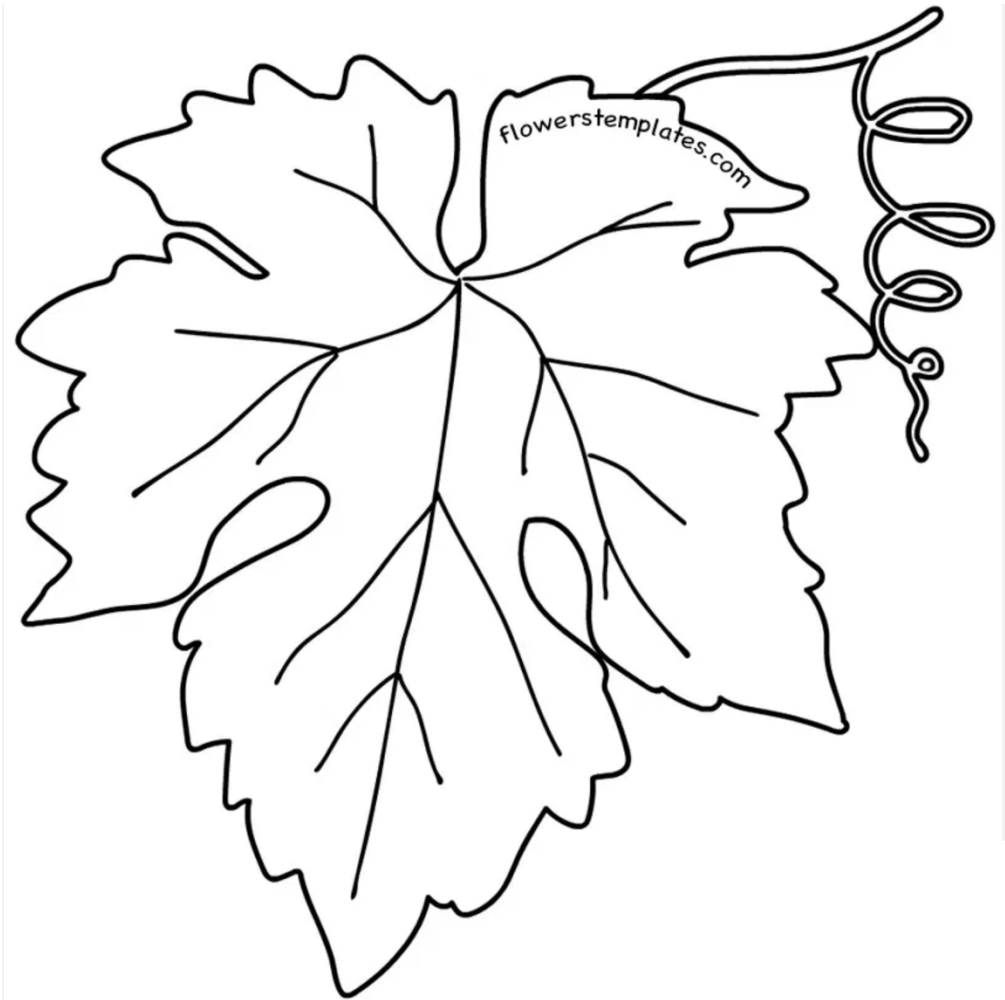
You can print the vine leaves and grapes in the next section as many times as you like and make a vine to go round your door. Roll pieces of newspaper or brown wrapping paper diagonally to make the stems – don't roll them too tight so that you can bend them round, and stick the leaves and the grapes on them.

When you next eat grapes: taste the sweetness, and think about what Jesus said about staying part of him and connected.





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- CONNECTED
- DISCIPLES
- FATHER
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- GOOD
- GRAPES
- GROWER
- JESUS
- PRUNE
- TRUE
- VINE
- WINE
- WITHERS