

# “I AM”

## THE VINE. - WEEK 1

**MEMORY VERSE** – “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

**FOCUS VERSES** – “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

**STORY** – Let’s review our rhyme and motions about the I AM statements Jesus said!

So we have talked about Jesus being the Bread of Life, Light of this World, The Gate, The Good Shepherd, The Resurrection and Life, and The Way, The Truth, The Life. (Involve kiddos in review by asking them why Jesus calls Himself that after each I AM statement.

Our last I AM statement is Jesus calling Himself The Vine. *Why do you think Jesus calls Himself The Vine?* Just like fruit growing on a vine, as long as we stay connected to him, by praying or reading the Bible, we can live a life that produces much Spiritual fruit! *What do you think Spiritual fruit is?!* Spiritual fruit are actions that are good and safe, loving others, serving others, being kind to others, having patience with one another, being gentle, having joy, faithfulness and telling people about Jesus’s love for them! Just like grapes need a vine to grow and become nice and juicy we need Jesus and His love to become more like Him - let’s be juicy with Jesus’ love!

**PRAYER** – Lord, thank you that if we stay connected to You we will bear fruit that is kind, loves others and we will make good choices!

**SNACK** – Frozen grapes and cheese

**CRAFT** – Pipe Cleaners (as vines) and beads (as fruit).

\*For the children who are under 3 years old, have stickers and paper for them\*

**GAME** – Stick together to the vine. To play this game, have all the children and the teacher hold hands in a circle. The teacher will then let go of one hand and lead the children in a line throughout the classroom. The object of the game is for everyone to stay connected throughout the whole game. The teacher should weave back and forth to make it a little bit harder to play. You can take turns and have children be the “leader”. Remind them to walk and not pull each other!

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## THE VINE. – WEEK 2

**MEMORY VERSE** – “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

**FOCUS VERSES** – “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

**STORY** – For our story today we are going to put grapes on our vine. Jesus calls Himself, The Vine, and we have vine right here. Just like grapes need a vine to grow on (have kiddos bring up their grapes to put on the vine), we need Jesus to grow too!

*Who’s eaten a raisin?* Did you know that they are just dried up grapes?! When Jesus says He is the Vine He means that, just like grapes need the vine to grow and not turn into raisins, we need Jesus to live lives that are connected to Him! As long as we stay close to Jesus we will be able to love others, make good choices and tell people about Jesus. A few ways we stay close to Jesus are by reading the Bible, memorizing what it says, praying, going to church, and listening to worship music. We don’t make grapes, but we do make good choices that remind people of the way Jesus acted. Our good actions and kind words are called spiritual fruit.

We need Jesus to live, just like the grapes need their vine to live. Jesus is The Vine!

**PRAYER** – Jesus, thank you that you promise that if we stay close to you we will make good choices, love others well and tell people about your love!

**SNACK** – Raisins & pretzels

**CRAFT** – Color and glue the grapes and leaves on the vine.

**GAME** – Pin the grapes on the vine (can use the same materials from the story, just blindfold kiddos to make it more fun!)