

I Am the Vine

"I am the Vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."
(John 15:5)

Picture Yourself as a Branch of the Vine

Here are several suggestions to help you get started. Feel free to use one or more of these ideas or find another another way to illustrate this concept.

- Draw the Lord at the top or side of the page (or write LORD), then draw branches of the vine coming from Him.
- Show the Sun behind the Lord, sending rays of light (truth) and warmth (love) to help us see ways we can be useful.
- One option is to make a branch for each person in your family.
- Make a large cluster of grapes and write down some of the good things that you do to help other people.

Categorize the Useful Things You Do

There are many different ways that we can help others. Choose 3-4 things and decide how they fit in these general categories:

Family How do you help your family?

Home What do you do to make it a pleasant place to live?

Church Are there ways you help your church with your time or money?

Employment Are you a student or do you have a job?

Helping those in Need Do you find ways to help people who are less fortunate? This could include people who are sick, lonely, hungry, *etc.*

Charity—doing what is good to help others—involves serving the neighbor in a variety of ways, doesn't it?

Think about

1. Which of these uses are easier to do and which are harder?
2. Which of these uses might be considered most important?