

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER.

2ND MAY 2021.

LECTIONARY YEAR B.

THEME: JESUS IS THE VINE.

In today's Scripture, we hear Jesus talking about how a branch is supposed to grow and bear fruit for the vine or tree that it belongs to.

But for that branch to grow and bear fruit, it must remain attached to the vine or tree.

Because, if the branch was removed from the tree, what would happen?

That's right- the branch wouldn't be able to receive the water and food from the tree and the branch would die.

And if the branch was separated from the tree and died, what else wouldn't it be able to do? [it wouldn't be able to grow or bear fruit or Leaves].

One of the reasons Jesus is Talking about trees, branches, and fruit is because Jesus wants us to think about how we are like branches and that he is like a tree.

Jesus wants to remind us to remember that when we stay connected to him, then like branches on a tree, we are better able to receive [and then share] God's love, healing, and forgiveness.

But Jesus is also reminding us that it is possible for us to become separated from Him.

However, if we do ever become disconnected from Jesus, that does not mean we're disconnected forever.

Instead, we can and are invited to reconnect with Jesus.

Then, when we are connected/ reconnected with Jesus, we are able to receive all the same gifts that Jesus receives from God.

Which also means we can share those same gifts of love, healing, and forgiveness with the people around us.

FAMILY PRAYER.

Dear Jesus, You are our vine, in whom we have our life. Help us to spread your message of love and forgiveness to others so that, they can live your life. Help us to stay connected to you, and help us to work together so we can bear much fruit.

We ask this in Jesus's name. Amen.

MEMORISE THE VERSE:

JOHN 15:5

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.

Tick TRUE or FALSE to the following statements.

Staying close to Jesus makes us happy. T F

Staying not connected to Jesus makes us sad. T F

It doesn't matter if we don't work together. T F

Caring people wants to help their friends. T F

It doesn't matter if no one cares for us. T F

Loving other people makes Jesus happy. T F

Caring people work to make things better. T F

Colour the tree, for every leaf write down a good act you will do for the whole week.

