



**I AM THE
TRUE VINE**
LESSON 3

WONDER TRUTH:
Jesus Invites Us to Abide
in Him

SCRIPTURE:
[John 15](#)

GOD'S BIG STORY:
Jesus uses the metaphor
of a vine and branches to
teach His disciples how
important it is to stay
connected to God. Jesus
is the vine, we are the
branches, and Jesus invites
us to abide in Him.

WORD OF WONDER:
Work together on
memorizing this verse!

[John 8:12](#)
*I am the light of the
world. Anyone who
follows me will never walk
in darkness. They will
have that light. They will
have life.*

 **Watch God's
Big Story**

**Listen to our
Playlist**



Wonder about it!

What is one thing you are
learning about God and the wonder of
His big story?

How do you see God's story as part of
your own story?



**Hands On: Make a
Garden**

In God's big story, Jesus invites us to remain
connected to—or abide in—Him. He calls
Himself the "true vine" and His followers
the "branches" (John 15:1, 5). As a family,
explore how important it is for branches to
remain connected to their vines by planting
or creating a garden. If you can't plant seeds
outside due to season and climate, try
planting flower or vegetable seeds in indoor
pots, making sure they get ample sunlight
and water. Alternatively, create a paper
garden craft using construction paper,
cupcake liners, and markers to make three-
dimensional flowers. Glue or tape a cupcake
liner to the top of a hand-drawn stem and
add leaves to the stem.

As you work on your gardens, discuss these
questions as a family:

- What do plants need to survive?
- What happens to a branch if it's cut off
from the vine?
- How is Jesus like the vine, and how are
we like the branches?



**Family
Conversations**

Families, use this to prompt
conversations at the table, in the
car, and anywhere else your family
experiences life together.

*What is your favorite type of plant?
What makes that plant so interesting?*
• *Where is a place we can connect with
God as a family?* • *How can our family
create a special time to connect with
God, such as praying before meals or
bedtime?*



**Walk It! Act It! Move It! - Obstacle Course
Connection**

Jesus invites us to stay connected to Him! Do this simple activity as a family to reinforce the importance of remaining connected to Jesus, our source of life! Set up a simple obstacle course throughout your home. You might scatter chairs, pillows, large toys, and other objects down the hallway and in and out of rooms. (For safety, avoid stairs.) Link arms so your whole family is connected, and designate one person at the end to represent Jesus. Everyone will close their eyes except for the person representing Jesus. With everyone's arms linked, "Jesus" will guide the family through the obstacle course. Your goal is to get to the other end without anyone bumping into any obstacles. Try it multiple times with a different person representing Jesus each time.

Say: **Wow! If we hadn't been connected to "Jesus," we never would have made it through the obstacle course! What do you think it means to stay connected to Jesus in our lives? What are some ways we can stay connected to Him?**