



The Parable of the Vine

John 15:1-11



There were many grapes in the vineyard. One hot, summer day, the branches, Mike and Jennifer, were having a conversation.

Mike: "It is too hot here! How long do we have to be attached to the vine?
I want to be detached as soon as possible!"

Jen: "Mike, we are the branches! We can't be detached from the grapevine."

Mike: "But I want to live as I please. I don't like the sunshine and I want to rest under the shade."

Jen: "We can't! It's not tiring as long as we are attached to the vine. Besides, we gain so much through this vine."

Jennifer tried to prevent Mike from detaching himself from the vine, but he eventually fell and landed under the tree.

"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)"



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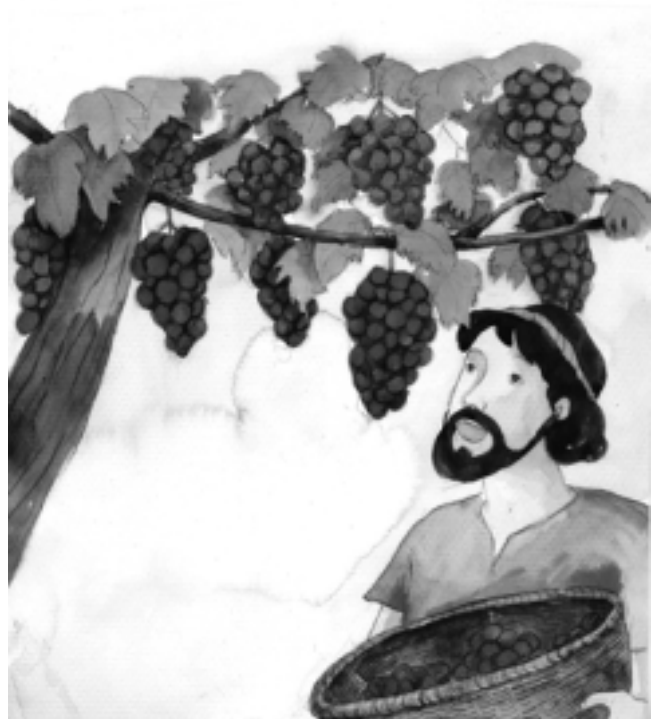
"Wow, it's so nice! It is really cool and comfortable here!"

One, two, three, four days passed since Mike left the tree.

"I thought it would be so much better to disconnect myself from the tree but now I'm so hungry and exhausted..."

Mike could not bear any fruits and eventually he withered away. He was so sad that he cried.

The gardener takes care of the vine and the vine provides water and nutrients to the branches. This way the branches on a tree can bear its fruits naturally. God is the gardener and Jesus is the vine. Born-again Christians are the branches that are attached to the vine. Only when we are inside the church of Jesus can we grow with God's Word and change with the love of Jesus. That's how we can transform our image into Christ's image and have the strength to evangelize to others.





Today's Study

The Branch of a Vine

 What can the fallen branch do to bear fruits?



I want to
bear fruits!



It is really nice to be
nourished by attaching
myself to the tree! I
can bear many fruits.

Us

I evangelized
to my friend
and she became
born again!



I am happy to
learn the Word
of God.



Ah! I want to know more
about the Bible and
evangelize.

 What should Scott do to live a good Christian life before God?

"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)



Only when we are abiding in the fellowship of Jesus can we share our happiness and help each other. Also, we can solve many problems together with Jesus' wisdom.



Today's Lesson

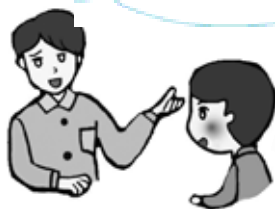
Bearing Fruits <The 3rd Grade Class>



Born-again Christians should speak virtuously. It helps you to maintain a good relationship with your friends and evangelize to them.

Hey, Piggy! Give me some snacks!

Didn't you listen to the sermon? God does not like it when you speak in a bad manner!



Sometimes we sin because of our habits even though we are aware of our mistakes.

Then, how can I stop my bad habits?

Really? Then, I will do the same as you, I will pray to God first, and then make a promise to my mom.



I also had the same bad habit of speaking negatively as you just did, but I prayed every night before I slept to ask God to help me not to speak with such slanderous words, and I promised my mom that she could reduce my allowance whenever I said bad things. It turned out that I stopped talking in such a bad manner and now I have better relationships with my friends.

? Who gave Tom great suggestions on how he can stop his bad habits?

? Do you have any bad habits that you want to stop through the fellowship? If so, write them below.



As long as Tom abides in the fellowship, he will be able to stop his bad habit of speaking bad words. This is the fruit that we can bear when we abide in Jesus.

Let's Find out



grape tree



Israelites have gained many things from the olive tree, the fig tree and the grapevine throughout history. These three kinds of trees are growing together in Israel.

Extended branches of grapevines are extensively cultivated in warm areas. People either eat grapes as is or as dried raisins.

Grapes are also squeezed into grape wine, the common drink in ancient times. The grapes were squeezed by people stepping on them in ancient times; however, they are now collected and squeezed in the machine once they become ripe. The squeezed juice was marinated in a clay jar or a goat leather sack. The grapevine provides people with many benefits with its fruits. In Ezekiel chapter 15, God said that if the vine does not bear its fruits or perform its functions, it has no use and it is better to put it in the fire for fuel. We should abide in the fellowship and become fruit-bearing branches of the vine before God.

parents

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