

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B) Sunday 28 April 2024

FAMILY RESOURCES

VINE

THE GOSPEL READING FOR THIS WEEK IS: The vine (John 15:1-8)

Core extract from the Gospel (John 15.1-4; for reflection throughout the week)

Jesus said, 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower.
He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit.
Every branch that bears fruit
he prunes to make it bear more fruit.
You have already been cleansed
by the word that I have spoken to you.
Abide in me as I abide in you.
Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself
unless it abides in the vine,
neither can you unless you abide in me.'

Gospel prayer (for use throughout the week)

Risen Lord,
you are the true vine
and we are your branches.
Prune us and cleanse us,
feed us and nurture us
that we may bear fruit in you;
now and always.
Amen.



Things to think about

- Have you ever seen vines growing, perhaps on holiday?
- Have you seen any other plants that grow like vines?
- Did you know that pruning helps plants to grow bigger?

Things to do

- Go for a **walk** around your neighbourhood and see how many climbing plants you can spot.
- Make a **fingerprint vine and grapes picture** by drawing a swirly pattern and then adding purple fingerprint dots as grapes and green fingerprints as leaves.
- **Fridge magnet**

You will need: 100g plain flour, 50g salt, 50ml water, paint, PVA glue, craft magnet



Mix the flour and salt in a bowl before slowly adding the water. Once the mixture becomes thicker, use your hands to knead it into a dough.



Make grapes by rolling small balls of dough and sticking together.



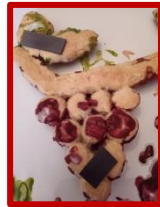
Roll a long length of dough to make a vine branch and attach to the back of the grapes.

Flatten another dough ball and trim into a leaf shape. You may want to make a few leaves to attach to the branch.

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Place your bunch of grapes onto greaseproof paper and bake in a preheated oven (100 °) for up to 2 hours or until the dough has hardened



Once the dough has cooled you can paint and then use diluted PVA glue as a varnish before adding a craft magnet to the back. You may need more than one magnet.

Other ideas:

You could use modelling clay or playdoh to make your fridge magnet.

You might prefer to make smaller grapes and vines and perhaps wear them as badges.

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