

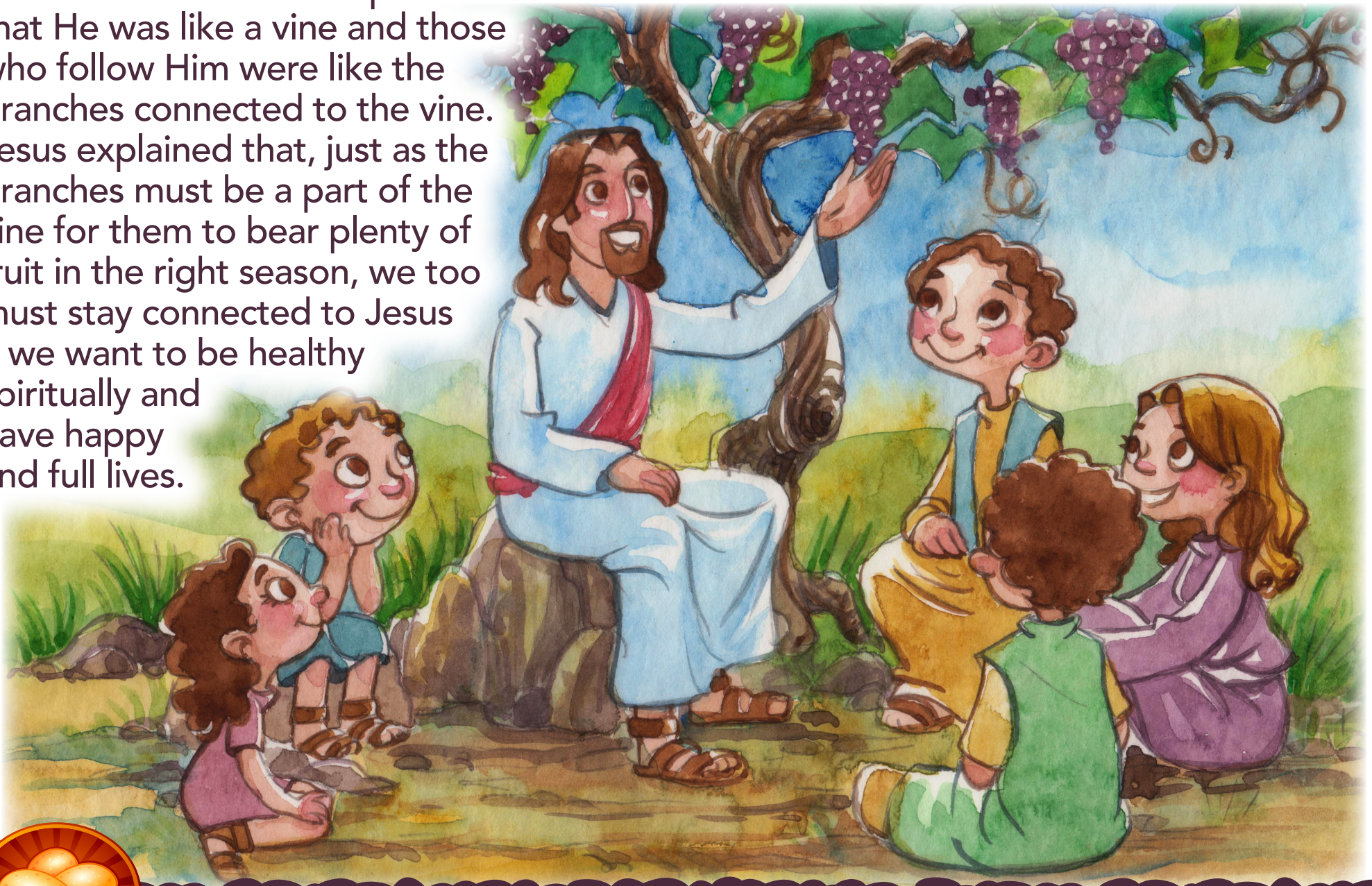
# A Part of God's Vine

I am the vine,  
you are the branches.  
He who abides in Me,  
and I in him, bears  
much fruit.  
(John 15:5 NKJV)





Jesus once told His disciples that He was like a vine and those who follow Him were like the branches connected to the vine. Jesus explained that, just as the branches must be a part of the vine for them to bear plenty of fruit in the right season, we too must stay connected to Jesus if we want to be healthy spiritually and have happy and full lives.





Jesus gives our spirits life. He fills our hearts and spirits with happiness and goodness. We abide in Jesus by studying God's Word, the Bible, and by doing the things God has told us to do in His Word.







As we live according to Jesus' example, our lives are spiritually healthy, and we are happy. People can see proof that Jesus is a part of our lives when we stay close to Him, because our actions will show love, kindness, and the fruits of God's Spirit.





# Action

Draw a vine with a strong, sturdy trunk and many branches on the vine. Write "Jesus" on the trunk of the vine. (Or you can draw Jesus' face on the trunk instead.) On the many branches write your name and the names of others who love Jesus. Now fill the vine with lots of leaves, blossoms, and grapes. As you color your picture, talk about ways to stay connected to Jesus throughout your day.



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