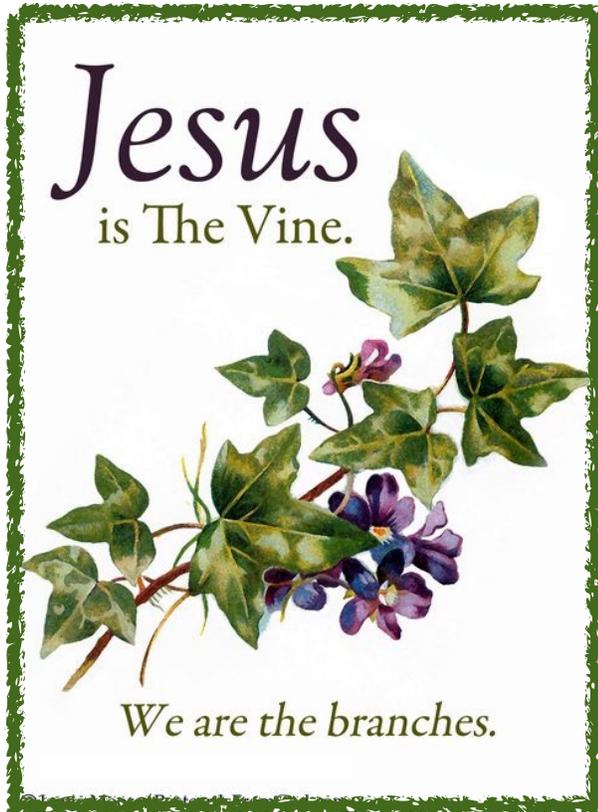


## Building Faith in the Family



### John 15:1-8

Before He died and rose again, Jesus reminded His disciples of what it meant to be His followers. To help them understand, Jesus used the picture of a vine and its branches:

**"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."**

*What did Jesus mean? How are we "branches" of Jesus' vine?*

*How does Jesus help us "bear fruit"? What kind of fruit?*

Dear Jesus,

**You are Lord of everything that lives and grows.**

**We are like branches that grow**

**from the vine of Your power and love.**

**Hold us tight, keep us close to You,**

**and fill us with Your Spirit**

**so that we will show Your love in all we say,**

**all we wish, and all we do.**

**In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

### Grow your own vine as a reminder of Jesus' promise.

We've reached May at last, and May *should* be warm enough to do some planting. But just to be safe, this project begins indoors. You'll need a narrow sweet potato, round toothpicks, a clear jar or glass, and a sunny window. To sprout a sweet potato and start the vines, submerge the bottom of the potato in water. Insert 3 or 4 toothpicks into the potato to anchor it on the jar's rim. In a few weeks, the sprouts should be well underway. Then you can clip off the sprouts with their roots and plant them inside or outside in a garden. As you watch new shoots and branches grow from the vines, remember the Vine that is helping *you* grow and blossom.

### These YouTube videos have instructions and helpful tips on growing your vines.

- 1) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hXSSXP2Pt0>  
"Easiest Way to Grow Lots of Sweet Potato Slips"
- 2) <https://www.thespruce.com/sweet-potato-vines-4120149>  
"How to Grow Sweet Potato Vine from a Tuber in Water Container at Home (Indoors)"

