



## FRUIT OF THE VINE

### Grapes

Grapes are delicious fruits that grow on a vine!

Sample several kinds of grapes, if you can: red, green, black, *etc.*

Buy a bunch of grapes that has seeds. Give each child one of the grapes to cut open (with a dull table knife). How many seeds are inside? What are the seeds for?

How many ways can we use grapes?

- ◆ Ask the children to think of products made with grapes (such as grape jelly, grape juice, raisins, jam, fruit salad, *etc.*), writing down all of the ideas they mention.
- ◆ Then bring out anything you happen to have that is made from grapes and let the children sample it.

### Other Fruits that Grow on a Vine

Can you think of other fruits that grow on a vine? (Kiwis, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, *etc.*)

Try making a fruit salad with grapes and other fruits that grow on a vine.

### Making Your Own “Fruit” on a “Vine”

Let the children make *lots* of grapes (actually beads that look like grapes) using Sculpey or Fimo. (Make green, blue, and purple grapes if you would like to have a variety.) If these are formed around a straw, it will be easy for children to string them later.

Put all the grapes in a box, ready to use.

Decide whether you are going to have everyone add to a vine that represents the “good deeds” done by everyone in the family or classroom or have everyone make individual vines.

Whenever a child does a good deed, let him add one grape to a length of green string or cord (knotted at one end). When you run out of grapes, put the “grapevine” beside the worship center in your home or classroom. This is a way of thanking the Lord for helping us do good things to help other people.