Today’s Bible story, Parable of the Vineyard, is from the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew wrote a book to tell us about Jesus’ life. It is filled with stories that Jesus told. Grapes and vineyards are in some of his stories.

Grapes were a popular food in Jesus’ time. That’s why he told stories with grapes and vineyards in them. Grapes are a popular food today too!

Let’s learn more about grapes!

Grapes grow on vines.
Grapes grow in bunches.
Grapes are green, red, and purple.
Grapes are good for you!
People have been growing grapes for over 8,000 years!
Grapes dried in the very hot sun for three weeks turn into raisins.

To: ____________________ From: _____________________ Date: ________________

I want to:

___ Make and mail a card about Jesus
___ Invite you to church
___ Give you a big hug
___ Say “I’m sorry”
___ Pray for you
___ My own idea: ______________________

God sends us messengers.

Leader: Jesus said to the Pharisees, “Listen and wait! I’ll tell you a story so you get this straight. A man built a vineyard with grapes everywhere. He hired some workers. They gave him a scare:"

Kids: “Grapes, grapes, grapes! We want the grapes. Grapes, grapes, grapes! We want the grapes.” The servants showed up, and they asked for the fruit: “Just give us the grapes and we promise to scoot.” The workers were awful, and gave them the boot. Grapes, grapes, grapes!

Leader: “The vineyard owner didn’t know what to do. So he sent his own son. But they hurt him too.” The Pharisees listened, but still had to learn, That Jesus is with us, wherever we turn.
I’m a Messenger

Jesus was God’s messenger. He came to bring the news, “God loves us!” But the Pharisees didn’t listen to Jesus.

I listen to Jesus. I can be God’s messenger.

Here is what I can say:

- God loves you!
- You are my friend!
- Come to church with me!
- Let’s read a Bible story!
- Here’s a high five for you!

Here is how I would deliver my message:

Here’s a high five for you!

God sends us messengers—like Jesus! Let’s help Jesus get through the maze with a special message from God. Pick up green letters along the way and write them in the blanks.

Try it!

Faith on the Go!

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