

The Surprise Garden

Key Word: **Branch**

Key Verse: You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

John 15:3

Adam was always helpful to his parents. He was also very helpful to his neighbors. He would help them weed their gardens, or mow their lawns. He would help rake leaves or shovel snow. Most of all, though, he liked to visit with them and hear the stories they told him of when they were younger. Adam wanted to be a writer when he grew up and he knew that the stories he heard would help him write great books. Mrs. Leon always had the best stories.

That winter, Mrs. Leon fell and broke her hip. She had to be in the hospital a long time. Adam went to visit her as much as he could. During this time, Mrs. Leon told him about the gardens she used to grow. She told him about the flowers and the vegetables. She told him about the prizes she had won at the fairs and other competitions. She seemed sad that she would never have a garden again.

Adam got a wonderful idea. He talked with his parents and told them about what he wanted to do. They thought his ideas were great, and they agreed to help him with his project.

Mrs. Leon came home from the hospital early in May. When she got out of the car with her walker she could not believe what she saw. With his parents' help, Adam had planted beautiful flowers all along her walkway and around the porch. In the back yard he had planted a very decorative vegetable garden with flowers all around the edges. He had promised to weed and care for the garden and both Mrs. Leon and Adam's family could share the fresh vegetables and the flowers.

Mrs. Leon was very pleased. She gave Adam a big hug. She told Adam she could see that God was working through Adam's good deeds. It was a great summer for them all.

Questions

Why did Adam enjoy listening to his neighbors' stories?

Jesus said he was the vine and we are his branches; what do you think that means?

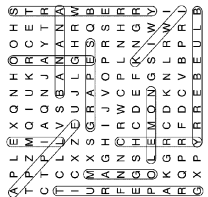


HIDDEN FRUIT

10. FATHER
9. WISH
8. FIRE
7. WITHERS
6. THROWN
5. PART

5. APART
4. CLEANSED
3. FRUIT
2. BRANCH
1. VINEGROWER

WORD JUMBLE



WORD FIND



Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story
is from
John 15:1-8

Word Find Puzzle

Here are twelve words hidden in the puzzle below. Each word is a name of a fruit. Some are printed upside down, backwards, or at an angle. See how many you can find. The first one is done for you.

WORD LIST

- APPLE
- ORANGE
- GRAPES
- KIWI
- GRAPEFRUIT
- STRAWBERRY
- CHERRY
- LEMON
- LIME
- BANANA
- MANGO
- BLUEBERRY

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 C T P I A Q N J A Y T R
 T C L L V S B A N A N A
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Word Jumble Puzzle

Unjumble each of the clue words and write the letters in the boxes.

1. WREERGONVEI
2. HBCRNA
3. TIUFR
4. SLEADENC
5. RAATP
6. NOHWRT
7. HTREIWS
8. EFRI
9. HWSI
10. RFHEAT

Hidden Fruit Puzzle

Today's Gospel story talked about fruit. We hid some fruit in the picture below. Can you find a banana, two cherries, an orange, a pear, a pineapple, an apple, and a strawberry? Circle them as you find them.

