Sunday Reading

A Reading from the Gospel of John 15:1–8: The Vine and the Branches

Jesus said to his disciples: “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”
Focus Questions

1. What did Jesus say that He and His Father are?

2. What does His Father do?

3. Why does Jesus tell us that we must remain in Him?

4. If we remain in Him, what two things does Jesus promise us?

5. What will happen to those who do not remain in Jesus?

6. Who is glorified when we bear fruit as Jesus’ disciples?

7. What are two ways that you can remain in Jesus? (In other words, how can you stay close to Jesus so you can do His will?)
The Vine and Branches Maze

Directions: Jesus told us He is the vine and we are the branches. Find your way through the vine maze to Jesus!