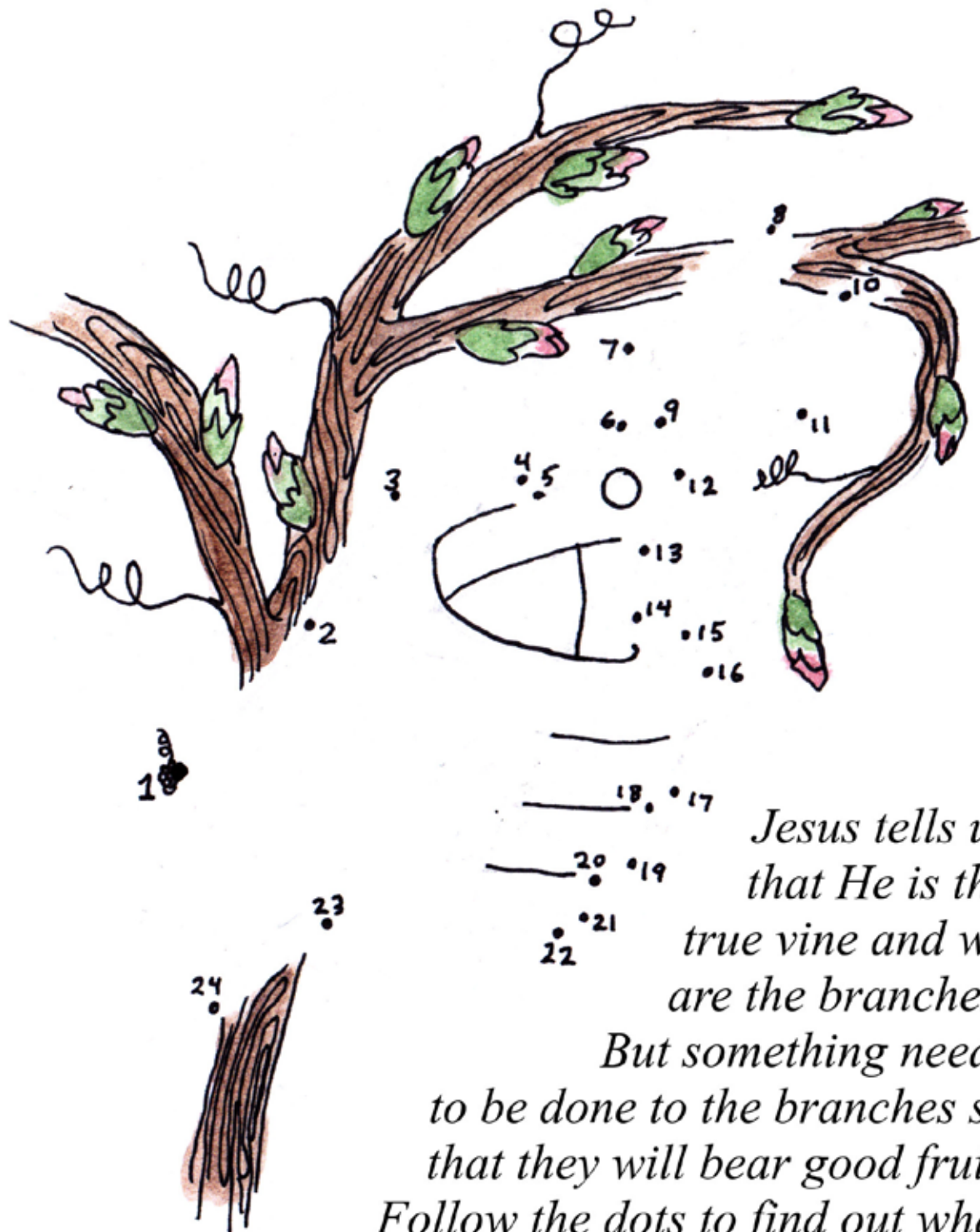


The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28th, 2024




*Jesus tells us
that He is the
true vine and we
are the branches.*

*But something needs
to be done to the branches so
that they will bear good fruit.
Follow the dots to find out what
it is. (Start at the little grapes!)*

Saint Zita


April 30

ZITA WAS BORN IN ITALY IN 1218. HER MOTHER TAUGHT HER TO LOVE THE FAITH. AT AGE 12 SHE WENT TO WORK FOR THE FATINELLI FAMILY.




I'll miss you, Mom!

ZITA ALWAYS WORKED HARD, AND DID ALL HER WORK FOR OUR LORD.



Lord, I'll pretend I'm sweeping your floor!

AT FIRST THE OTHER SERVANTS AND THE FATINELLIS THOUGHT ZITA WAS PROUD.




She won't even talk to us all day!



She's praying!

BUT EVENTUALLY THEY REALIZED SHE WAS REALLY HOLY.


EVERY DAY ZITA GOT UP EARLY AND WENT TO MASS.



SHE WAS HAPPY TO SEND THE MONEY SHE MADE BACK TO HER FAMILY BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T NEED IT.



This should help the family this winter!



ZITA WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF THE WHOLE HOUSEHOLD. SHE SPENT THE REST OF HER LIFE WORKING THERE AND DIED PEACEFULLY AT THE AGE OF 60.

SAINT ZITA IS THE PATRON SAINT OF HOUSEKEEPING. WHEN THE OTHER SERVANTS OR THE FATINELLIS WERE MEAN TO HER, SHE OFFERED UP HER SUFFERINGS TO GOD. WHEN THEY BEGAN TO RESPECT HER, SHE WORKED JUST AS HARD AND REMAINED HUMBLE. WE CAN LEARN FROM HER TO WORK WELL, FOR GOD!

SAINT PAUL: TRUE OR FALSE

*How much do you know about Saint Paul
when he first became a Christian?*

1. Saint Paul's name used to be Saul. True or false?
2. Before his conversion, Saint Paul hated the Christians. True or false?
3. The disciples in Jerusalem were afraid of Paul when he first came. True or false?
4. Barnabas told the other Christians that Saint Paul had seen our Lord on the way to Damascus. True or false?
5. It took a long time before Saint Paul began to speak about Jesus in public. True or false?
6. When Saint Paul told some people about Jesus, they tried to kill him. True or false?
7. The other disciples would not let Saint Paul travel around to preach about Jesus. True or false?

*Don't forget to check
your answers on the
back page!*



Jesus is the True Vine

Jesus says that He is the vine and we are the branches. Branches grow out from a vine and receive their food from the main stem. They grow leaves and bear fruit.

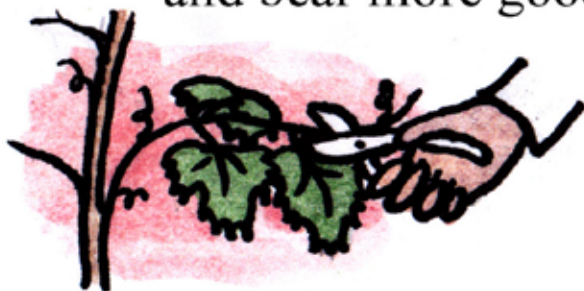


Our souls get their life from Jesus. When we stay united with Him then our souls are healthy and able to do good works, like the grapes that grow on a healthy vine.



Doing a serious sin is like cutting oneself off of the main vine. The nutrition can't flow into the branch because it's cut off! The branch can't grow leaves or fruit and it withers and dries up. Even though you can't see it, that is what happens to a soul that doesn't have God's life coming into it.

Sometimes a branch of a vine needs to be pruned. A bit gets cut off, but then it grows even better where it was cut. In the same way, sometimes God lets us suffer, but then our souls can grow even stronger and bear more good fruit. Next time you are



suffering, remember that God might be using this time to make your soul stronger!

Answers to True or False: 1.true 2.true
3.true 4.true 5.false 6.true 7.false