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## Children's Activity: Sunday 22 March 2020

Bible Reading: John 15:1-11

DISCUSSION: Hot Tip - don't just accept one 'correct' answer, allow several people to share their ideas, there are no wrong answers.

### Discussion Questions:

- 1. What makes a good friend?** [The characteristics – love you, spend time with you, patience, good, kind... the fruit of the spirit; Galatians 5:22-23]
- 2. What happens if we are not connected?** Jesus wants to be our best friend. Staying connected to Jesus is like a branch on a vine or a light plugged in. **Have you ever tried turning something on when it's not plugged in? Have you ever cut a flower off a bush, what happened to it?**
  - **What happens if we are not connected to Jesus?** [We can't the grow fruit of the spirit – example; we cannot always be loving in our own strength]
  - **What grows in our lives if we are connected to Jesus?** [We can grow the fruit of the Spirit; we can be kind, patient, have self-control etc. God loves people and he wants us to friends with others to share His love. But we cannot do it on our own, we need to be friends with Jesus first, connected to Him. His Spirit grows this fruit in us to show others the kind of friendship God wants to have with them too!]
  - **How do we stay connected to Him?** [Firstly to be forgiven and become friends of Jesus, then keep up the friendship by talking to Him in prayer, reading the Bible, telling Jesus we love him in worship, meet with others who love Jesus too – in our smaller church gatherings for now and we look forward to being back at our big gatherings again in the future.]
- 3. How can you be a good friend? What's one thing you can do this week to help show others that Jesus wants to be their friend too?** [Accept all possibilities then decide on one of two that can be actually done safely given our current circumstances. Perhaps helping a neighbour or an isolated elderly family friend.]

### ACTIVITY:

Using craft supplies make some cards to send to friends perhaps decorate with fruit and flowers. Suggested message "your kindness reminds me of Jesus" or simply "Jesus loves you and so do I"