

I'm the Vine

I'm the vine. You're the branches. God's the gardener.

Nutshell:

Three simple lines from John 15 about our connection to God and one another. Sing them simultaneously for a delightful medley about faith and friendship.

Songleader's notes

The three verses of the song correspond to scripture passages:

- Verse 1 comes from John 15.1, describing who we are. Jesus sets up the metaphor of identification clearly: "I'm the vine; you're the branches; God's the gardener."
- Verse 2 speaks to John 15.14. Like the parable of the mustard seed, a life of faith is the most natural thing in the world. A huge perk of outdoor ministry is engaging youth in the organic realm to which Jesus so often referred.
- Verse 3, from John 15.15, has Jesus saying to his friends, "Nope, you're not slaves or servants. You're my *friends*." Vital groundwork for what John's gospel describes as the pinnacle of discipleship: living in friendship with Jesus.

How to lead it:

This simple song is designed to be easily learned by all ages. Once you have the verses down, the three parts can be sung simultaneously.

Try teaching each of three groups their verse, each group having their own songleader. Let one group begin. When confident, add group 2. Finally, bring in group 3.

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Part 1: A D A Bm G

I'm the vine You're the branch-es God's the gar-den-er

Part 2: D A Bm G A


Grapes grow nat-ur-'lly It's a gift to the world

Part 3: D A Bm G A

You're my friends!

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Part 1:



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Part 1 musical notation: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes with rests. The lyrics are: "I'm the vine You're the branch-es God's the gar-den-er".


Part 2:



Grapes grow nat-ur-'lly It's a gift to the world

Part 2 musical notation: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes with rests. The lyrics are: "Grapes grow nat-ur-'lly It's a gift to the world".

Part 3:



You're my friends!

Part 3 musical notation: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of whole notes and rests. The lyrics are: "You're my friends!".

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