
ALL THINGS TO ALL PEOPLE
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THE VINE AND THE BRANCH

Synopsis: This is the story of a little branch who wants desperately to produce fruit. She tries everything: a relationship with a needy thorn bush. Attending a seminar held by the Big Stick. She even plants a weed by mistake. Determined to produce fruit on her own, she ignores the advice of the gardener. Finally, at the point of withering up completely, the branch allows the gardener to graft her into the True Vine. Suddenly, she finds herself producing fruit with almost no effort at all. This dramatic illustration of Christ's parable reminds us of the importance of abiding in Him.

Scripture Reference(s): John 15:1-17

Topic(s): Abiding, Brokenness, Christian Life, Dependence on God, Discipleship, Failure, Fruit of the Spirit, Jesus, Loving God, Ministry, Pride, Provision, Submission, Work

Characters

Narrator
Branch
Bush
Gardener
Big Stick
Little Sticks (2 or 3)
Angry Stick
Stick
Weed
Therapist
Vine

Props

a stick
some plastic fruit
a watering can

Costumes

Be as creative as you like. You may choose to dress actors up like actual "sticks" or just have them dress in neutral attire. The Gardener could wear overalls and a straw hat.

Director's Note: If you do not have a large enough cast for this drama, actors can easily perform more than one role. It is obviously very silly and over the top. It can be effectively accompanied by a piano or some other instrument throughout in the style of a cheesy grade school play.

Running Time: 13-15 minutes

The NARRATOR enters.

NARRATOR: And now, an original fairy tale entitled “The Vine and the Branch.” Once upon a time there was a branch.

BRANCH enters and mimes the narration about her.

NARRATOR: And though there were many branches, and many like her, our branch was special. Our branch was strong, vibrant, and full of moxy. Our branch had dreams, hopes, and a bright future. The one thing our branch wanted more than anything was to produce fruit. Day and night our branch thought about it. One day she met a thorn bush.

BUSH enters. BUSH and BRANCH smile and hold hands.

NARRATOR: She liked him a lot. She thought that maybe a relationship with him would help her produce fruit. For a while, they were happy. But then one day....

BRANCH: I just don’t think this is working out.

BUSH: What are you talking about?

BRANCH: Maybe we just need some space, a little time away from each other.

BUSH: What’s going on? Is there something wrong with me? It’s a green thing, isn’t it? Am I retaining chlorophyll? Talk to me.

BRANCH: It’s not you. It’s me. I’m just not producing fruit.

BUSH: That’s so not true. You are too.

BRANCH: No, I’m not.

BUSH: What was that little red dot I saw on you the other day?

BRANCH: That was a ladybug.

BUSH: Oh.

BRANCH: Don’t make this any harder than it has to be. I really want to produce fruit, and I can’t in this relationship.

BUSH: So then it’s my fault? Sure, blame it on me. It’s always the plant’s fault. Any time a branch doesn’t produce fruit they blame it on the plant.