

Hang On

The Vine

John 15:1-17



Here's a little grape.
She's very small.





**But look!
She's not alone
She has a bunch of friends
They hang around
together.**



**And look,
they are all connected.
Each of them has
a little stem
that hangs on
to the bunch.**



**And they grow together.
The whole bunch
hangs on to a branch.**

And the branch
reaches
way, way back ...



back a bit ...



back a bit
further ...
that's it.





**Right back –
but hanging on all the way.
The branch goes back to the trunk.**



**It meets and twists
and tangles with
other branches,
but they are all
connected in to
the trunk.**



**Sometimes
it's hard to see how.
But every branch
and every bunch
hang on together as one vine.
And together
they all keep living and growing.**



If they didn't hang on...
oops, like this one,
they wouldn't grow.

**Jesus says –
hang on to me.
I'm like the vine
that hangs on
to you.
And to hang on
to me,
is to hang on
to God.
And hang on
to each other,
as you hang on
to me.
God is hanging on
to us all.**

