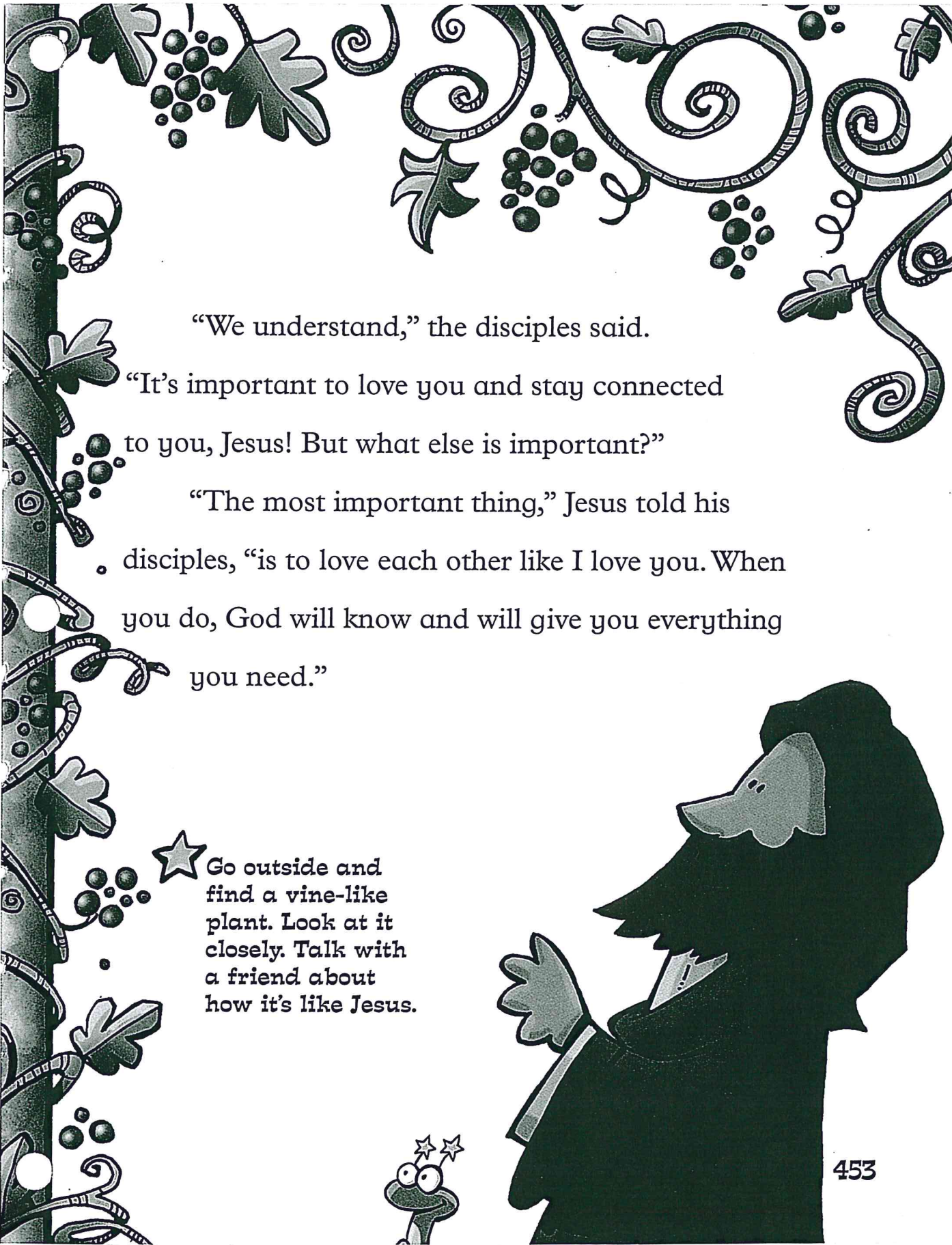


Jesus the Vine

Jesus wanted people to know more about his love for everyone. Jesus said, “Think of plants in a garden. I’m like a vine. The branches that are joined to the vine grow fruit. A branch can’t grow fruit without being connected to the vine. When you’re joined with me in love, I help you live the way God wants you to live.”

Jesus continued, “God is the gardener, watching over the vine and its branches. The gardener makes sure the plants have all they need to live and grow.”



“We understand,” the disciples said.

“It’s important to love you and stay connected to you, Jesus! But what else is important?”

“The most important thing,” Jesus told his disciples, “is to love each other like I love you. When you do, God will know and will give you everything you need.”

★ Go outside and find a vine-like plant. Look at it closely. Talk with a friend about how it’s like Jesus.

