

# DAY 1

## KINDS OF TREES



### RESEARCH

1. How do trees influence the local weather?
2. What are other examples of strength and beauty in the Bible?
3. Which types of trees do you find referenced in the Bible?

### REVIEW

1. How many different species of trees are there?
2. What is the name of scientists who study plants?
3. What are the two main leaf types?

### REINFORCE

1. Look for trees while going on a nature walk. Make a list of the types you see.
2. As a family, discuss the elements of strength and beauty you see in a tree.
3. Make a notebook of tree drawings and/or pictures, dividing them into the two main types.
4. Find and read a picture book about trees.

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Trees are vital to the health of our entire planet. They not only provide shade on a sunny day, but they also provide oxygen and filter pollutants, among other things. Trees influence the local weather and the wildlife that lives in the region.

Do you know how many different kinds of trees there are? Scientists tell us there are over **60,000 different species**. From the mighty forest trees to the fragile, ornamental trees, our earth is covered by these towering symbols of strength.

Sometimes God combines strength and beauty together in one object, and sometimes He separates them. This separation of strength and beauty is more striking when they are contrasting objects, like a vine growing on an oak tree, or a violet sheltered in the cleft of a rock.

When you think of an oak tree, the word "strength" is the first impression. The sturdy trunk speaks "strength" while its full canopy of glossy leaves shows its beauty.

*Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary." (Psalm 96:6)*

But it is in God's creation of mankind that we see that the qualities of strength and beauty are capable of their highest and most perfect combination. A strong, healthy body in which the character reflects the character of God is a wonderful representative of the image of God.

Scientists who study plants are called **botanists** and they have divided trees into groups. Each tree is grouped with other plants that have similar characteristics. In a slight way, trees resemble mankind's physical appearance. We have a trunk and limbs. It was God's design for us to see our resemblance to trees and learn lessons from these kinds of plants.

Identifying the different kinds of trees usually depends on examining their leaves and bark. Some types of trees have wide oval leaves, some have star-shaped ones, and many others have needle leaves.