

DAY 1

TREES IN THE BIBLE



RESEARCH

1. How many times does the Bible mention trees? (Hint: use a concordance or the internet to help).
2. Does Jesus mention trees in any of His parables?
3. Which Bible character was thankful for a tree to climb because he was too short to see?

REVIEW

1. On which day of creation were trees made?
2. How tall can trees grow?
3. How do leaves help the tree?
4. How long do trees grow?
5. What items are made from trees?

REINFORCE

1. Learn the poem "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer.
2. Make a list of 10-20 things made from wood.
3. Go on a nature walk and look for as many different trees you can find. Make notes or take pictures of them.
4. Look for pictures of the oldest living trees.
5. Find pictures of the cycles of trees through their seasons.

TREES

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

"And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good." (Genesis 1:1,12)

God spoke and the earth came into existence, and it was exceedingly beautiful. He covered the land with tall mountains, rolling hills and green, lush plains. While flowers and graceful shrubs covered the lowlands, majestic trees crowned the hills and mountains.

The Bible tells us that trees represent strength and prosperity. "He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper." - Psalm 1:3. The spiritual side of us is drawn to the strength and beauty of trees. They are living examples of qualities and characteristics that keep our lives orderly--a life that's loved and honored by God and those around us.

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The trees look and reach up to the sunlight, trying to soak in all they can. You can say that trees are optimists, meaning they're hopeful, looking to live where the air is the clearest and the conditions needed to thrive are the best. If you observe fruit trees, you'll find that the largest, sweetest fruits grow at the top part of the tree. So it is with us--the lives that display the best "fruit"--character for God--are those that reach up toward God.

A tree is a type of plant made on the third day of creation. The tallest trees in the world are redwoods (*Sequoia sempervirens*). They can easily grow as tall as 300 feet. Trees are the world's biggest living things. And since they are some of the most wonderful creations of God, it would be wise for us to study them and learn spiritual lessons from them.

