

DAY 3

MAIN CATEGORIES OF TREES



RESEARCH

1. What type of nuts are found in the Bible?
2. Are fruit trees or fruit mentioned in the Bible? Name five.
3. In which region does your favorite fruit grow?

REVIEW

1. What are the two main types of trees called?
2. Where do the biggest variety of fruit trees grow?
3. What is the most important nut tree that grows in warm regions?

REINFORCE

1. When opening the door, dusting furniture or writing with a pencil, remember the answer to this question: What did God create on the 3rd day?
2. Look for fruit trees out in nature or online.
3. Make a list of fruits you can buy in the grocery store. Are they from milder climates or tropical areas?

TWO KINDS OF TREES

While there are many kinds of trees, there are two main categories of trees: deciduous and evergreen:

- **Deciduous trees** lose their green coloring and turn orange, red or brown before they are shed at the end of the growing season, usually in autumn.
- **Evergreen trees** keep their leaves throughout the year. They do shed their leaves, but only a few at a time and over a long period so you don't really notice it.

God planned and created trees that would provide people with food, wood, shelter and much more. You can find throughout history examples of people using wood to make tools, boats, houses, buildings and for fuel.

"Where there is no wood, the fire goes out..." (Proverbs 26:20)

The living tree is especially valuable to humans. On the third day God created 'the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself.' It amazing to see the powerful energy God gave to trees so they could make more trees and make food for mankind.

People all over the world eat fruits, nuts and other tree products. The biggest variety of fruit trees grow in tropical and subtropical regions. Some fruits these trees produce include mangoes, avocados, oranges, and grapefruit. Regions with cooler, milder temperatures, like the United States, Canada and Europe have fewer fruit trees. Some popular ones are apples, peaches and cherries.

The most important nut tree in warm regions is the coconut palm which can have 12 different crops on it at one time. This can remind us of the Bible verse that says,

"The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree..." (Psalm 92:12)

The strength of the coconut palm, like that of a righteous person, is in the condition of the heart. The heart of a coconut tree is located high up at the top of the tree, and is a bundle of tightly-packed, yellow-white, cabbage-like leaves. If this heart gets cut or damaged in any way, the whole tree dies!

"Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life..." (Proverbs 4:23)