

**Lesson 3.01 - Vineyards and Orchards**

(Covering chapter introduction, page 49.)

**ACTIVITIES:**

- (A) Read Galatians 5:22, 23.
- (B) What kind of “fruit” is important for Christian people? **The “fruit of the Spirit” (Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control)**

**Lesson 3.02 - Building and Caring for the Vineyard**

(Covering the sections titled: “Reclaiming the hillsides and planting the vines” and “The care of the vineyard,” page 50.)

**ACTIVITIES:**

- (A) Read John 15:1-6.
- (B) Jesus compares the *grape vine* to what? **Himself and His relationship with every Christian (“I am the vine; you are the branches.”) We get our life from Jesus.**

**Lesson 3.03**

(Covering the sections titled: “Watchtower and watchmen,” “The grape harvest,” and “Construction of the winepress,” pages 51-53.)

**ACTIVITIES:**

- (A) Read Isaiah 5:1-7
- (B) The *vineyard* is who? **Israel**
- (C) Read Matthew 21:33-41.
- (D) The *son* in the story represents who? **Jesus**

### Lesson 3.04

(Covering the sections titled: “The use of the winepress” and “Other methods of extracting the juice,” pages 52-54.)

#### ACTIVITIES:

Often the Bible uses the picture of the *winepress* is a symbol of God’s *blessing*, and in other places the winepress is a symbol of God’s *judgement* and punishment on the world. Read these verses about winepresses, and check if they talk about blessing or judgement:

- (A) Deuteronomy 15:12-14     Blessing    \_\_\_ Judgement
- (B) Deuteronomy 16:13         Blessing    \_\_\_ Judgement
- (C) Isaiah 63:2-3            \_\_\_ Blessing     Judgement
- (D) Joel 3:12-13            \_\_\_ Blessing     Judgement
- (E) Revelation 19:15        \_\_\_ Blessing     Judgement

### Lesson 3.05 - Wine and Other Grape Products

(Covering the section titled: “The process of making wine,” page 54.)

#### ACTIVITIES:

- (A) Read Matthew 9:17. (***New Wine in new wineskins***)
- (B) What does this mean for us? **(The text does not offer an obvious answer to the question. The mentor may need to discuss the parable and its various applications with the student.) The “new wine” may mean the Holy Spirit, or saving faith in Jesus Christ. The “old and new wineskins” may mean the Old and New Covenant – relationship based on works and rituals vs. faith.**

### Lesson 3.06

(Covering the sections titled: “Fresh grape juice and grape honey” and “Fresh grapes and raisins as food,” pages 54 and 55.)

#### ACTIVITIES:

- (A) Read Ephesians 5:18.
- (B) We should not become drunk, but we should *become filled* with what? **The Holy Spirit**

**Lesson 3.07 - The Olive and Olive Oil**

(Covering the section titled: “The planting and care of olive trees,” page 56.)

**ACTIVITIES:**

- (A) Read Romans 11:19-24.
- (B) The Bible compares grafting olive trees to what? **God gives His saving grace to non-Jews (gentiles).**

**Lesson 3.08**

(Covering the sections titled: “The olive harvest” and “Oil-pressing equipment,” pages 57 and 58.)

**ACTIVITIES:**

- (A) Read Deuteronomy 24:20.
- (B) How did olive farmers take ripe olives from the trees? **Beat the tree branches with sticks.**
- (C) Why did they need to leave some olives on the trees? **For foreigner visitors, orphans, and widows.**

**Lesson 3.09**

(Covering the sections titled: “Grade of olive oil” and “Uses of olive oil,” pages 58 and 59.)

**ACTIVITIES:**

- (A) Read Genesis 8:11.
- (B) Today the olive branch (sometimes pictured in the mouth of a dove) is a symbol of peace and success. Why? **The dove came back to the Ark with an olive branch in its beak, showing that the water had gone down and plants were growing again. It offered hope of new life.**

(C) List the ways people in Bible times used olive oil:

- **Cooking and food.**
- **Anoint kings and priests.**
- **Body bath oil.**
- **Hair grooming oil.**
- **Medicinal treatment for wounds.**
- **Laxative**
- **Fuel for lamps and torches.**

### Lesson 3.10 - Other Common Fruits

(Covering the section titled: “The fig tree,” pages 59-61.)

#### ACTIVITIES:

- (A) Read Matthew 24:32.
- (B) Jesus compares the fig tree to what? **The life cycle of the fig tree (growing leaves show “summer is near”) is symbolic of signs of coming End Times (Judgement Day).**

### Lesson 3.11

(Covering the sections titled: “The date palm,” “Pomegranates,” “Apple or apricots, peaches, and citrus fruits,” and “Nut trees,” pages 61-63.)

#### ACTIVITIES:

- (A) Read Matthew 21:8 and John 12:13.
- (B) The people used palm tree branches for what? **The people cut palm branches, and put them on the road (and possibly waved them like flags) ahead of Jesus, riding on a donkey.**

Please read Chapter 4 in *Everyday Life in Bible Times*.