

Lesson Introduction

When God created plants, he made all different kinds of plants to grow. He made it so each type of plant will reproduce the same kind of plant.

How do you know what kind of plant something is? You look at a plant and see what type of leaf it has and what type of fruit it produces. The characteristics that a plant has will tell you the type of plant.

How do you know an apple tree is an apple tree? The Bible says that you recognize a tree by its fruit. Just like you know that a tree is an apple tree because it produces apples, you can know if a person is good or bad by the things he does. If a person does good things that means he is producing good fruit. A person who does bad things produces bad fruit.

What kind of fruit should we produce if we love Jesus? Why?

Discussion Questions

Day 1: What do plants grow from? What do plants use sunlight for? What are different types of plants?

Day 2: What makes trees different from other plants? What is a trunk? What do fruit and leaves show about a tree?

Day 3: What is an evergreen tree? Can you name a type of evergreen? Can you name a type of tree that drops its leaves? How is a fruit tree different from a palm tree? How is a Joshua tree different from a palm tree?

Day 4: How is a bush different from a tree? How is a bush different from grass? How is a bush different from a vine?

Day 5: What are some plants that grow in water? What are some plants that grow in the desert? What does each plant reproduce? What does that mean?

Day 6: What did God say about plants when he created them? Why are plants good?

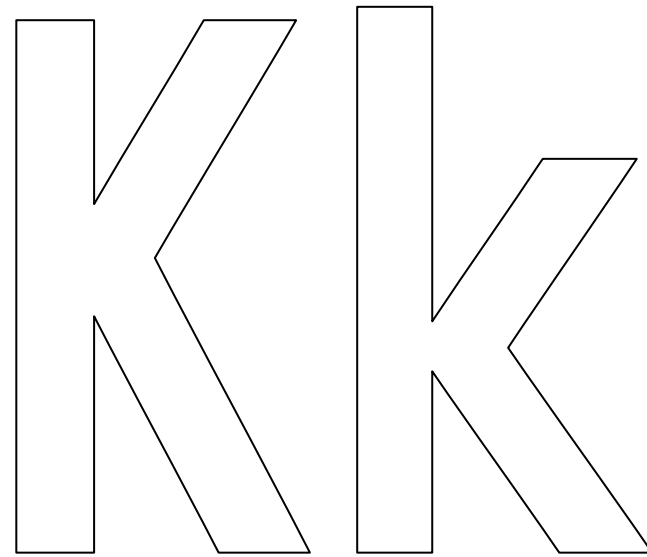
Lesson Rhyme

K—K	Make sign of "K"
Kinds	Make "K" with both hands, R hand circles over L and comes down on top
God created plants to be	R fist over L, twist opposite directions and then back R hand inside L fist, R hand pushes up out of fist & fingers spread out
K—K—Kinds	Same as above
Like grass	Open hand in front of chin, palm facing in, move forward & back
and bush	Hands cupped together fingers spread apart, move hands apart
and tree	R arm up bent at elbow, fingers spread apart, L hand on elbow, turn R hand back & forth



Beginning 9

What are the different kinds of plants?



K—K—Kinds

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K—K—Kinds

Like grass and bush and tree

Day 1

God created different plants.
They grow all around.
They sprout up from a seed
and send roots down in the ground.
Plants are living things,
which from sunlight make their food.
Grass and bushes, flowers, trees
form quite a multitude.

Draw a picture of a seed sprouting.

Day 6

God looked at plant design
and said that plants were good.
Reproducing their own kind,
just the way they should.
In wisdom God created
each plant as it should be.
Each following its design,
whether grass or bush or tree.

Draw a picture of your favorite plant.

Psalm 65:12-13: ¹² The grasslands of the desert overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness. ¹³ The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

Psalm 104:13-14: ¹³ He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the earth is satisfied by the fruit of his work. ¹⁴ He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate— bringing forth food from the earth.

Day 5

There are plants that grow in water,
in the sea there is seaweed,
While in the desert there are plants
that don't much water need.
One thing that is the same
with every plant you find,
They will only reproduce
after their own kind.

Draw a picture of one of the kinds of plants.

Day 2

Trees can be quite different,
no two are just the same.
There are so many kinds of trees
it's hard to know each name.
But each tree has a trunk,
from which its branches grow.
The type of fruit and leaves,
the kind of tree will show.

Draw a picture of two different kinds of trees.

Jeremiah 17:7-8: ⁷ "But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. ⁸ He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

Matthew 12:33: ³³ "Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit."

Day 3

Evergreens have needles,
which never seem to fall,
While other trees drop their leaves,
some big and others small.
A palm tree it has fronds;
a fruit tree it has fruit.
A Joshua tree has spikes,
which desert life does suit.

Draw a picture of one of the kinds of trees.

Day 4

With a multitude of branches,
bushes grow like trees.
Some bushes may have flowers,
which will attract the bees.
Grasses tend to spread around,
growing from a stem.
While vines grow up a tree,
and hang down from a limb.

Draw a picture of one of the kinds of plants.

Matthew 7:17-18:¹⁷ Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.

1 Peter 1:24-25:²⁴ "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall,²⁵ but the word of the Lord stands forever."