



## Labor in the Vineyard

Jacob 5-7

### Objectives:

- Discuss the allegory of the olive trees and what it means
- Talk about the Savior's love and care for us, and how we can help him to share the gospel

### Reinforces Principles of:

- Missionary Work
- Righteousness

### This Lesson contains 4 activities:

Choose the activities that fit your family's schedule.

Use on Mondays to introduce the topic, or the following Sunday to review.

**Reverence Time:** Song, prayer, scripture and video clip

**Lesson Time:** Lesson summary and points to ponder

**Activity Time:** Object lesson or activity

**Treat Time:** Prayer, theme related recipe



# Reverence Time

Approximate Time: 5 minutes

**Sing Together:** We'll Bring the World His Truth, Children's Songbook Page 172  
If you wish to print sheet music or have an online music file to accompany you visit:  
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/well-bring-the-world-his-truth-army-of-helaman>

**Prayer:**

**Scripture Time:** Jacob 6:2

2 And the day that he shall set his hand again the second time to recover his people, is the day, yea, even the last time, that the servants of the Lord shall go forth in his power, to nourish and prune his vineyard; and after that the end soon cometh.

**Video Clip:** Watch clips from the Living Scriptures Streaming Library. You can find the clip at <https://www.livingscriptures.com/fhe-lesson-vineyard>



# Lesson Time

Approximate Time: 10-15 minutes

## Lesson

**Summary:** Jacob continues to teach his people, this time turning to the scriptures from the Brass Plates. He shares an allegory about olive trees from the writings of the prophet Zenos. An allegory is a story that has a hidden meaning. This allegory is about the house of Israel, and about how the Lord loves and takes care of His people.

In this story, the Lord of the vineyard is taking care of his olive tree. The tree is beginning to die. So the Lord digs around it to help the roots grow strong. He prunes it so that the branches will be strong and grow good fruit. He nourishes it so it will be healthy.

The Lord of the vineyard and his servant work hard to take care of the trees so they will grow good fruit. Sometimes they grow bad fruit, or the trees become wild. The trees that grow bad fruit will be discarded and burned, and the Lord will keep the good fruit of the vineyard.

The Savior takes care of us by nourishing us with His word. He lovingly gives commandments and teaches us the things that will give us joy and help us to love others. Our “fruits” are the results of the things that we do. Are we doing things that are good, or are we doing things that are bad? Jacob warns the people that although the Lord does not want to cast them off, they need to do good things and not harden their hearts to “be saved in the kingdom of God”.

We can also be like the servant in the story and help the Lord to take care of His people. We do this by sharing the gospel and caring for others. We can teach others about Jesus Christ, do family history work, and go to the temple. By doing these things we can help the Lord to gather Israel.

## Points to

**Ponder:** **How do we bring forth “good fruit”?** (Discuss ideas)

**How does the Lord nourish us? How do His servants nourish us?** (Discuss ideas)

**How can we help the Lord in the vineyard, or in other words, how can we help to gather Israel?** (Discuss ideas)

## Quote:

“Now is the time for members and missionaries to come together ... [and] labor in the Lord’s vineyard to bring souls unto Him. He has prepared the means for us to share the gospel in a multitude of ways, and He will assist us in our labors if we will act in faith to fulfill His work.”  
*Thomas S. Monson*



## Activity Time

**What you need:** A copy of “Filling the Earth” activity (artwork included with this lesson) for each child and scissors.

### Preparation

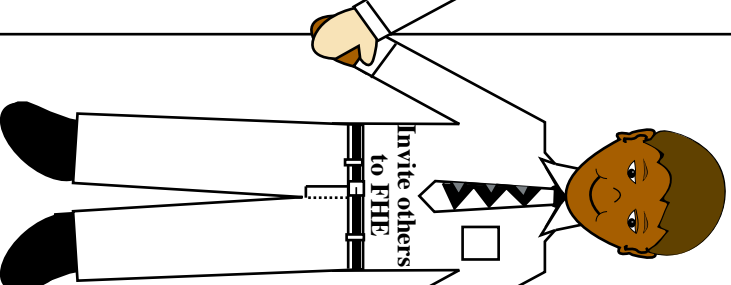
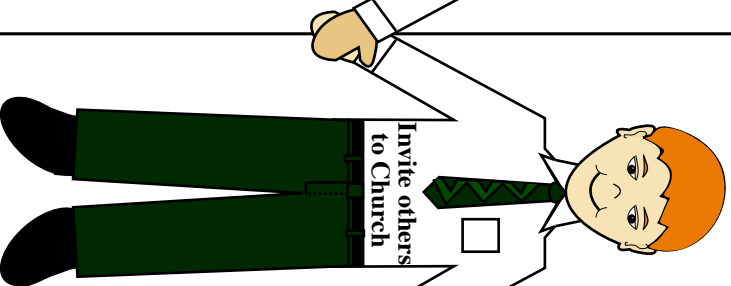
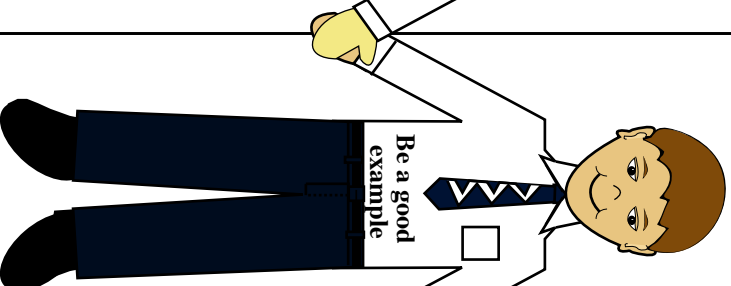
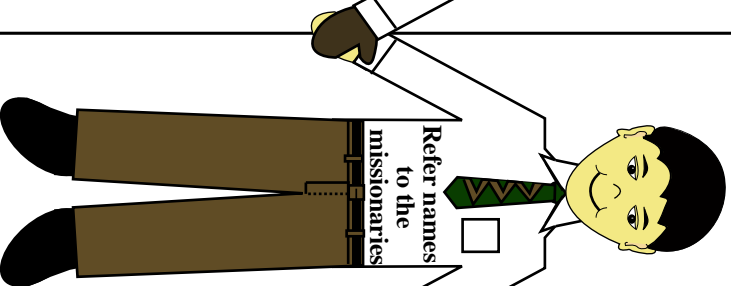
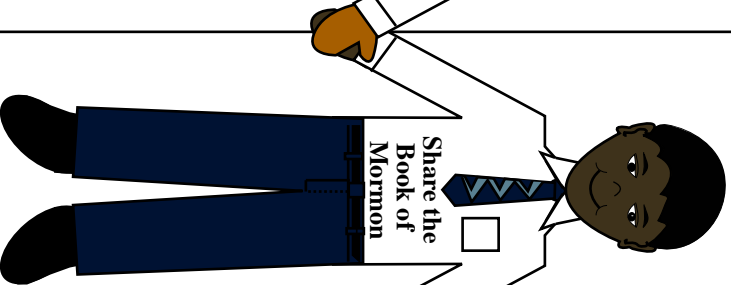
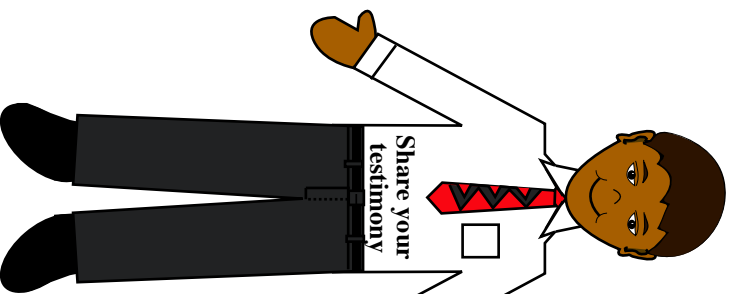
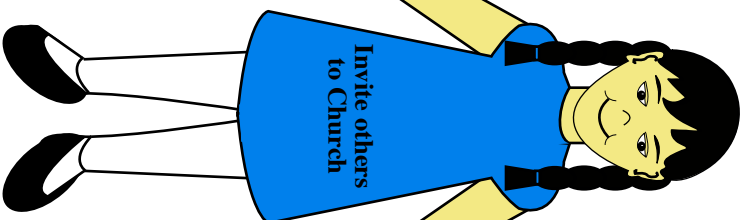
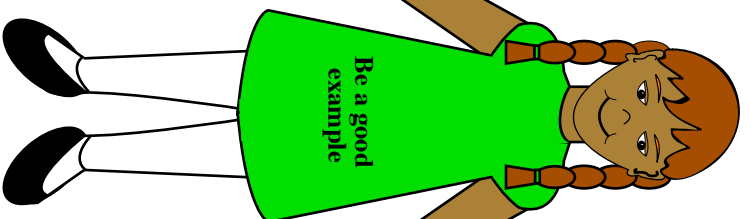
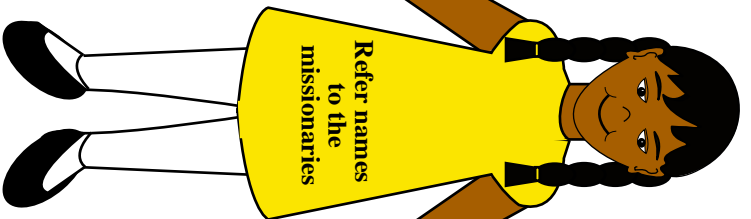
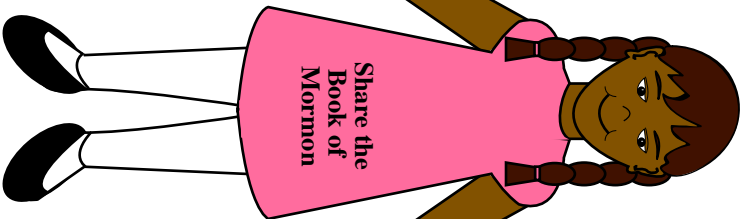
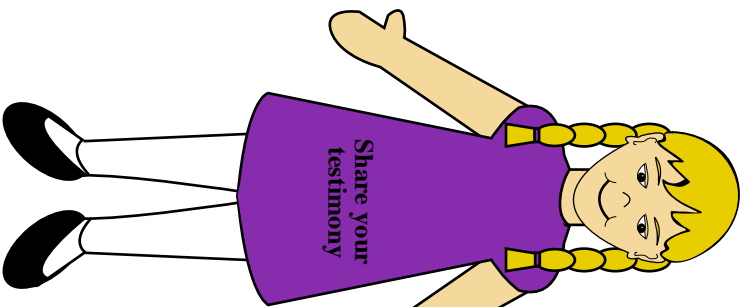
1. **Print** out the artwork.
2. **Cut** along dotted lines.
3. **Fold** each group of children, accordion style, along solid black lines.
4. **Cut** around the figure, careful not to cut along the folds where the hands touch (this can be done before or after the activity).

### Activity:

(Younger children will need help from an older sibling or parent.)

1. Since the early days of the Restoration, church leaders have worked at the task of the Gospel filling the earth. As early as 1837, missionaries served in foreign missions. The work continues today with over 50,000 full time missionaries throughout the world.
2. How many members were there when the Church was organized in 1830? (Six.)
3. How many members are there today? (Almost 13 million.)
4. This growth is part of the prophecy of the Gospel filling the earth. In the Oct. 1997 General Conference President Hinckley said, “If we will go forward, never losing sight of our goal, speaking ill of no one, living the great principles we know to be true, this cause will roll on in majesty and power to fill the earth. Doors now closed to the preaching of the gospel will be opened. ... The key to the great challenges facing us and to the success of the work will be the faith of all who call themselves Latter-day Saints”  
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5. Heavenly Father loves all his children and wants them all to have the opportunity to accept the Gospel and return to live with Him someday.
6. Give each family member a folded children chain (unfold as you discuss each topic).
  - a. Sharing our testimonies will help others gain and strengthen their testimonies.
  - b. Sharing copies of the Book of Mormon with people not of our faith will help the Gospel grow by giving more people the opportunity to read it and gain a testimony of it.
  - c. The missionaries have a greater chance of being invited into homes to teach the Gospel when members refer names of interested people to them.
  - d. Setting a good example for family members, neighbors, and friends is a reflection of the church to people not of our faith. Your example can influence others to join the church.
  - e. Inviting others to Church activities, meetings, and firesides, where they can feel of the spirit and love of our Heavenly Father can help them want the Gospel in their lives.
  - f. Inviting others to family home evening can help them learn Gospel principles in a loving family atmosphere.
7. Just like this chain of children grew, each of us can help the gospel grow and fill the earth.







# Treat Time

**Approximate Time: 5 Hours**

**Prep Time:** 10 minutes

**Cook Time:** 30 minutes

## Olive Oil Cake

3 large eggs  
3/4 cup sugar  
1/2 cup olive oil  
1/2 cup milk  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/4 teaspoon almond extract  
1 tablespoon orange zest  
2 tablespoons orange juice  
1 1/2 cups flour  
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour an 8 or 9 inch round cake pan. In a large bowl with a hand mixer, or in stand mixer with whisk attachment, beat eggs and sugar at high speed for 30 seconds. Add oil gradually while still mixing, until combined. Add milk, orange juice, orange zest, and extracts and beat until combined.

Combine flour, baking powder and salt in a separate bowl. Gradually add flour mixture to egg mixture and mix until combined. Pour batter into prepared pan.

Bake 30 minutes, or until a toothpick comes out clean. Let cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan. Serve warm or cooled. Sprinkle each serving with powdered sugar if desired.

**Closing Prayer** and blessing on the food.