

National Johnny Appleseed Day



Activity Booklet

How Well Do you Know Your Apples?

Draw a line to match the apple name to its picture

Gala Apple



Granny Smith



Honeycrisp Apple



McIntosh Apple



Rome Apple



Pink Lady Apple



Red Delicious Apple



Envy Apple



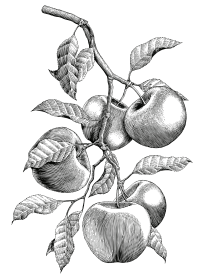
Cortland Apple



Golden Delicious Apple



TRUTH or TALE?



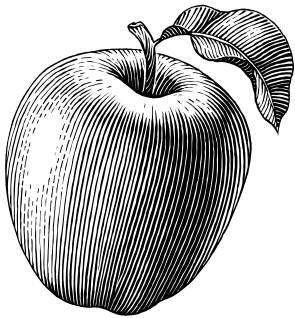
Listed below are some of the tales of Johnny Appleseed aka John Chapman. See if you can guess which ones are Truth and which ones are Tales. All will be explained in the answers to follow.

- TRUTH TALE** 1. Johnny Appleseed began in 1792, he was 18 years old. He was alone the rest of his life, traveling west into the Ohio Valley planting apple trees along the way.
- TRUTH TALE** 2. He constantly planted apple trees in open places in the forests, along the roadways and by the streams.
- TRUTH TALE** 3. Settlers often looked forward to his visits and no cabin door was ever closed to him. Even making friends with many Native Americans.
- TRUTH TALE** 4. Johnny Appleseed was very poor and never accumulated much cash. He only bartered and traded for food or clothing.
- TRUTH TALE** 5. He only wore coffee sacks and used a pot for his hat. He seldom wore shoes and the soles of his feet were so thick that even a rattlesnake couldn't bite through them.
- TRUTH TALE** 6. Chapman's father taught him his farming techniques and the apples he planted were not for eating. They were called "spitters" and were ideal for making hard cider and applejack. Water was dangerous, but cider was safe and delicious.
- TRUTH TALE** 7. Oh the Lord's Been Good to Me is Johnny Appleseed's theme song, because he was also a preacher carrying a bible and telling about how good God always was to him.
- TRUTH TALE** 8. There is a 176 year old tree, still living in Nova, Ohio that Johnny Appleseed planted.
- TRUTH TALE** 9. During prohibition, most of the apple trees grown to produce hard cider were chopped down by FBI agents in order to prevent the alcoholic beverage from being made.
- TRUTH TALE** 10. Johnny Appleseed's preference for seeding over grafting allowed for the creation of modern-day apple varieties, such as the red delicious and golden delicious apples.

Sing-a-Long

See if you can fill in the missing lyrics to Johnny
Appleseed's Theme song.

The Lord is _____ to me.
And so I thank the Lord
For giving me the things I need:
The sun, and rain and a _____;
Yes, He's been good to me.

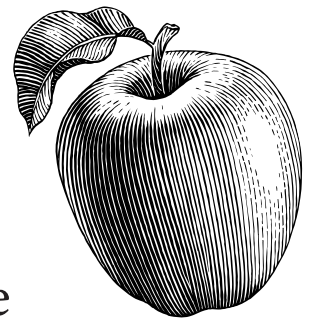


I owe the Lord so much
For everything I see
I'm certain if it weren't for Him
There'd be no apples on this _____
He's been good to me

Oh, here am I 'neath the _____, blue
sky
Doing as I please.

Singing with my _____ friends
Humming with the _____.

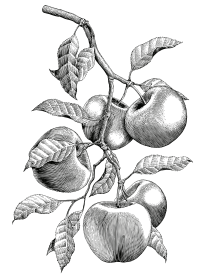
I wake up every day,
As happy as can be,
Because I know that with His care
My _____ trees, they will still be there.
Oh, the Lord is good to me.





TRUTH or TALE?

Answers & Explanations



1. Truth - Chapman was never married and therefore did not have any children.
2. Tale - Frontier law allowed people to lay claim to land through development of a permanent homestead. Such a claim could be made by planting 50 apple trees. So in his travels through Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Illinois, Chapman would plant swaths of seeds to begin an orchard, then sell them to settlers once the land had grown bountiful.
3. Truth - Over the years, his frequent visits to the settlements were looked forward to and no cabin door was ever closed to him. He made friends with many Native American tribes and was known to have learned many Native American languages well enough to converse.
4. Tale - Although he lived on food provided by nature, and he dressed very simply; he left an estate of over 1,200 acres of valuable nurseries to his sister.
5. Truth and Tale: As a devout member of the Church of Swedenborg, Chapman's life was largely influenced by his faith. The Church forbade its members from harming God's creation, prompting Chapman to become a vegetarian and animal rights activist. His typically well-worn clothing and bare feet were characteristic of his beliefs. This could be why legend says he wore only coffee sacks with holes cut out for his arms as clothing. He rarely wore shoes, even during the cold of winter. It is said he could walk over the ice and snow barefooted and that the skin was so thick on his feet that even a rattlesnake couldn't bite through it. Another legend says he wore a mush pot on his head as a hat. This is unlikely since pots of the time were made of heavy copper or iron, but it is more likely he wore someone else's castoff hat or made his own out of cardboard.
6. Truth - The apples that Chapman favored for planting were small and tart "spitters"—named for what you'd likely do if you took a bite of one. But this made them ideal for making hard cider and applejack.
7. Truth: It's unknown when the song was written, but it was probably associated with Chapman after his death.
8. Truth: It grows tart green apples, used for applesauce and baking and still cider making.
9. Truth: Along with destroying most of Chapman's work, America nearly lost its connection to hard cider.
10. Truth: Chapman's preference for seeds over grafting for creating not only varieties like the delicious and golden delicious, but also the "hardy American apple." Since apples that are grafted are the same as the parent tree, they don't change. But by forgoing grafting, Johnny created the conditions for apple trees to adapt and thrive in their new world home.

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Top-right red apple

Top-right green apple

Middle-middle red apple

Middle-middle red apple with cinnamon sticks

Middle-right red apple

Middle-right red apple and sliced apple

Bottom-middle yellow apple

Bottom-middle red apple

Bottom-right dark red apple