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Johnny Appleseed Quick Bio

Johnny Appleseed spent 49 years of his life in the American wilderness planting apple seeds. Johnny Appleseed's real name was John Chapman. He was born September 26, 1774 in Massachusetts. He created apple orchards in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Ohio. After 200 years, some of those trees still bear apples.

Apple Tree Johnny Appleseed's dream was for a land where blossoming apple trees were everywhere and no one was hungry. A gentle and kind man, he slept outdoors and walked barefoot around the country planting apple seeds everywhere he went. It is even told that he made his drinking water from snow by melting it with his feet.

Johnny was a friend to everyone he met. Indians and settlers -- even the animals -- liked Johnny Appleseed. His clothes were made from sacks and his hat was a tin pot. He also used his hat for cooking. His favorite book was the Bible.

There are many tales about Johnny Appleseed. It is said that once Johnny fell asleep and a rattlesnake tried to bite him, but the fangs would not go into his foot because his skin was as tough as an elephant's hide. Another tale describes him playing with a bear family.

Johnny Appleseed died in 1845. It was the only time he had been sick -- in over 70 years!!!

Taken from: <http://www.applejuice.org/johnnyappleseed.html>

I love this freebie chart you can use to describe Johnny Appleseed.

<http://ow.ly/dZzqx>

If you need help with this chart:

<http://eberhartsexplorers.blogspot.com/2011/09/how-about-them-apples.html>

Johnny Appleseed Birthday Party

Decorate with apple tags, baskets of apples, etc

Serve apple birthday squares. See our blog:

<http://HowToHomeschoolMyChild.com/johnny-appleseed-story-activities>

Or, serve apple cake (or apple pie or apple muffins). Top with whipping cream

Apple Book

Make an apple book. Use apple scrapbook paper for cover pages. Include pictures on each page.

Title: Apples are Useful

Pg 1 We grow apples (picture of orchard)

Pg 2 We eat apples (picture of apples)

Pg 3 We make applesauce

Pg 4 We drink applesauce

Pg 5 We plant seeds

And so forth...add as many pages as you like.

This is a great activity after a field trip to an orchard. Visiting an orchard, picking apples & making apple cider was a fun, family activity when we lived in Idaho.

Johnny Appleseed Traveling Party

Each day of your “Johnny Appleseed Week”, do an activity for that state.

Geography

Johnny Appleseed traveled through Ohio, Indiana, Illinois & Pennsylvania. Cut out the state shape on the day you are doing that state’s activity. Label & color. Paste it on the map.

Ohio

Cut apples horizontally to make prints. Use acrylic paint and stamp on paper. You can make a pattern by using red, yellow & green paints to represent the different colors of apples.

Indiana

String Apple Jacks to make a necklace.

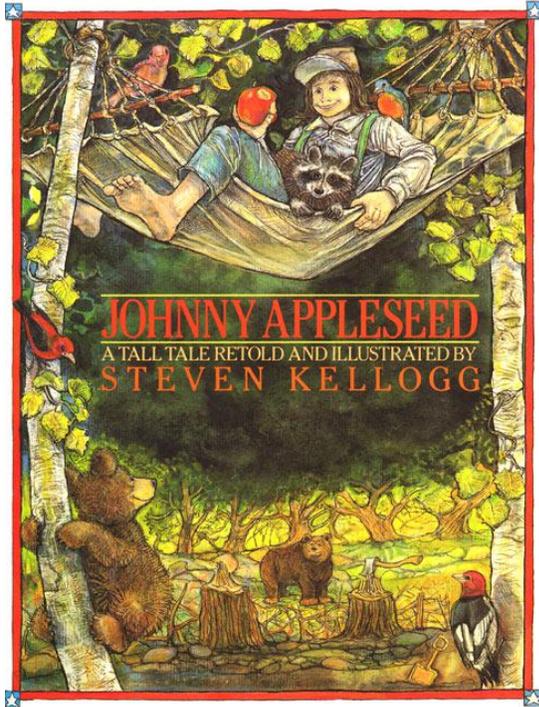
Illinois

Kids can cut apple slices. Dip into melted caramel dip or a blend of creamy peanut butter & vanilla yogurt dip.

Pennsylvania

Make applesauce or bob for apples

Language Arts with Apples

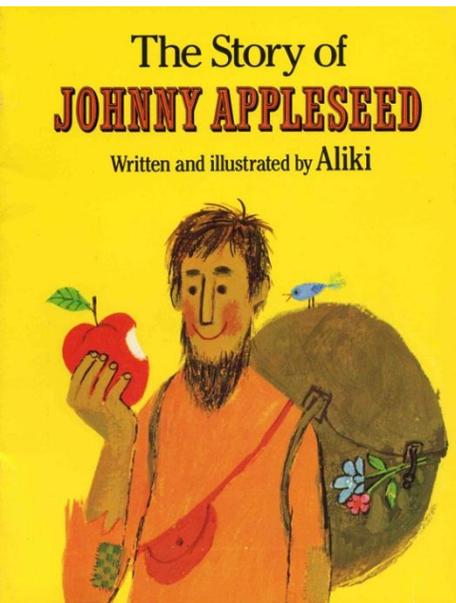
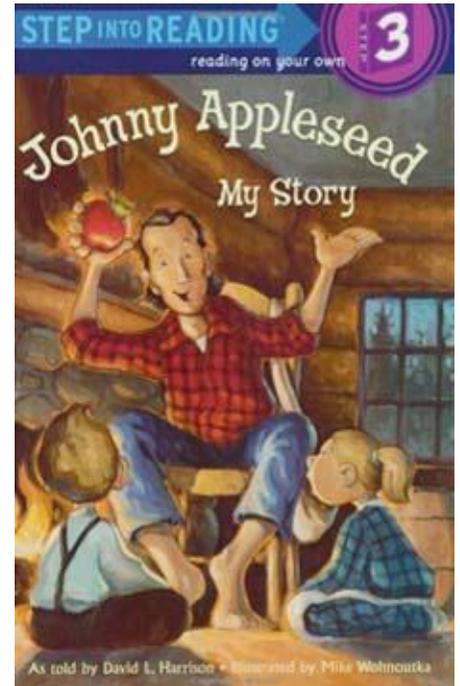


Reading

Read books about apples & Johnny Appleseed.

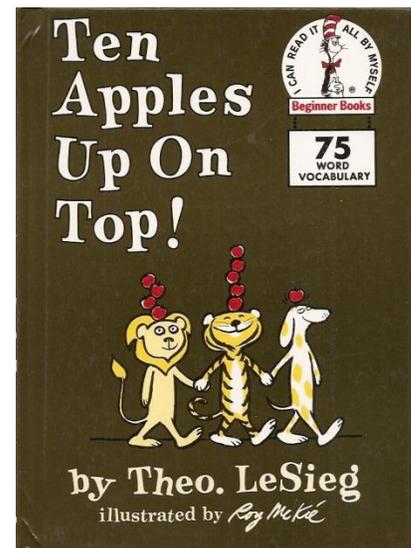
Johnny Appleseed by Steven Kellogg

Johnny Appleseed: My Story (Step-Into-Reading, Step 3)

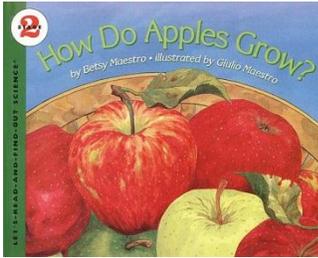


The Story of Johnny Appleseed by Aliki

Johnny Appleseed (Hello Reader (Level 1))



Ten Apples Up On Top! by Theo LeSieg and Roy McKie



How Do Apples Grow? by Betsy Maestro and Giulio Maestro

Reading: Main Idea with Johnny Appleseed



Read Steven Kellogg's books (above) and complete the Mini Johnny Appleseed:

<http://theinspiredapple.blogspot.com/2011/09/apple-activities-for-spelling-and.html>

Spelling: Assorted Apples

Assort your spelling words a few different ways. Use the following template:

<http://theinspiredapple.blogspot.com/2011/09/apple-activities-for-spelling-and.html>

Scroll down to get to the template

Writing/Grammar: Apple Book

For younger kids, use this book to reinforce position concepts (on top, beside, etc).

For older kids, use this book to teach & reinforce prepositions.

Make an apple book with 8 pages. At the bottom of each page, write a phrase to indicate the position the apple is, in relation to the tree.

Put the apple on top of the tree.

Put the apple beside the tree.

Put the apple on the tree.

and so on...

To make each page, you will paint the parts of the tree with parts of the child's arm.

Day 1: Paint the child's arm brown and print it on each page.

Day 2: Paint the child's hand green and print it on top of the brown tree trunk.

Day 3: Paint the child's finger red and print it on the leaves.

Day 4: Tape an apple on a piece of ribbon to the back of the last page. Student uses the apple to show the "position" of the apple on each page.

To teach or reinforce prepositions, have your child put the apple in the right place. Then, choose the preposition on that page.

Have students make a list of other prepositional phrases of where the apple can be in relation to the tree.

Writing: Biography of Johnny Appleseed

Write a biography of Johnny Appleseed, using Unit 4 or 6 from Teaching Writing: Structure & Style.

Writing: Descriptive Writing

Make a chart of all the things your kids use to describe apples.

"Apples are _____"

Continue to write this sentence multiple times with a new description each time

Science with Apples

Science: Compare & Contrast

Set out 3 apples (red, green, yellow). Let your kids tell you what is the same about all the apples. Then, list what is different. Make a list of your findings.

Then, guess what is inside each one. Cut the apples horizontally to show the seeds are in each one, no matter what color they are.

Science: Apples & Pumpkins

Save a few apple seeds after your different apple activities. Plant them in soil and water so plant continues to grow. Use a liter soda container if you need one.

After you carve a pumpkin, save some pumpkin seeds. Plant those seeds in soil, also.

Once both plants are growing, observe the appearance of each plant's growth.

Science: Apple Experiment

Does lemon drizzle do anything to apples?

Cut an apple in half. On one side drizzle lemon juice on the white part of the apple.

On the other half, leave it alone.

Set the apple halves out for a few days. Observe what happens to each half and decide if & how lemon juice affects apples.

Art with Apples

Art: Blow Paint Apple Trees

Make a blob of black or brown paint on white construction paper (towards the bottom of the page)

Blow upward through a straw to make the paint spread out to form branches of a tree.

Optional: Water down some green paint and cover the branches as the leaves.

When the paint is dry, use small pieces of red tissue paper to make balls and glue on branches as apples on a tree. Tearing is a motor skill for kids to learn. So is cutting with scissors. You decide how your kids will get the paper and roll into a ball.

Art: Cinnamon Ornaments

Mix equal parts of applesauce & cinnamon. (1 cup applesauce to 1 cup of cinnamon)

Mix thoroughly & make a dough consistency. Roll out the dough and use cookie cutters to make shapes. Let dry on cookie sheet for about 2 days, or more. Turn over to dry.

Make a hole at the top of each ornament with a toothpick or a straw so there is a hole when it dries. String yarn through the hole to hang it. Lovely & scented decoration.

Math with Apples

Math: Estimating & Circumference

Give each child a piece of yarn and an apple.

Let them estimate how long the yarn should be to wrap around their apple. Explain this is similar to the circumference of a circle. Each child cuts the yarn at the place where they estimate the circumference of the apple.

Then, wrap around the yarn around the apple to see how close the child estimated the circumference of the apple.

If you would like a fun way to teach the concept of circumference, check out Sir Cumference & the First Round Table, or other Sir Cumference books as listed here:

<http://howtohomeschoolmychild.com/resources/math>

Math: Graphing

Cut slices of many different kinds of apples

Ask each child which apple they liked best.

Graph the results

Math: Weights

Use a scale to determine the weight of a single apple. Compare the apple's weight to any of the following:

- Rocks
- Poker chips
- Pennies
- Nickels
- Dimes
- Quarters
- Teddy bear counters
- Math U See cubes