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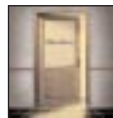
Paul Bunyan

Johnny Appleseed

Paul Revere

Pocahontas

John Henry



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**JOHNNY APPLESEED**

**INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE**

## INTRODUCTION TO SERIES

The purpose of this video series is to acquaint young children to learn about these bigger than life legends when our narrator, Miss Michelle, shares her love of the stories and books she has found at the library. Each stimulating video program features a diverse audience of youngsters eager to learn more about these literary characters of the historical past.

As a complementary device with each video, an instructional guide suggests exercises to help aid teachers, parents and students. These interactive exercises will reinforce and further develop a child's level of comprehension about the importance of these literary characters.

The instructional guide provides:

Child-friendly **exercises!** ✓

Fun-to-do **follow-up activities!** ✓

Easy-to-learn **reinforcement Q & A!** ✓

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The video mentions several legends. Write the number in the circle on the left hand corner of the picture to correctly match the name of the legend.



1.) **POCAHONTAS -  
Indian Princess**



2.) **PAUL BUNYAN-  
Lumberjack**



3.) **JOHNNY APPLE-  
SEED- Farmer**



4.) **JOHN HENRY-  
Mighty Laborer**

**Exercise #4:**

Write a “T” or “F” on the line left of the sentence to indicate if the statement is TRUE or FALSE. If the statement is FALSE make it TRUE by choosing a word from the answer list to replace the incorrect word. SEE EXAMPLE

EXAMPLE:   F   • Apples grow on ~~fences~~ <sup>trees</sup>.

Answer List:

corn • cowboy • small apple trees  
appleseeds • cloths • farmer

\_\_\_\_\_ • Johnny Appleseed was a lumberjack.

\_\_\_\_\_ • Johnny Appleseed is a real person.

\_\_\_\_\_ • The knapsack Johnny Appleseed carried was full of toys.

\_\_\_\_\_ • Johnny Appleseed sold horses to early American settlers traveling west.

\_\_\_\_\_ • Johnny Appleseed’s real name was John Chapman.

## Johnny Appleseed

On September 26th, 1774 during a bright apple red day in Leominster, Massachusetts John Chapman was born. Since that autumn red day John Chapman became known as Johnny Appleseed. Although the day of his birth illuminated in a cheerful glow of shiny red, the early life of Johnny “Appleseed” Chapman slowly dimmed. Before his second birthday Johnny’s father left to fight the Revolutionary War, and his mother and baby brother both died. After age six Johnny’s father remarried and moved to Longmeadow, Massachusetts. Within ten years Johnny had 10 new siblings in a small house overflowing with much activity.

With a desire to escape the chatter of home, Johnny yearned to seek the peace and quiet of the forest. But it was while working on a farm that John Chapman first experienced planting and caring for apple trees. In 1797, at age 23, John Chapman while carrying a knapsack and sporting a cooking pan on top of his head left home to explore the pioneering west. After obtaining free appleseeds from cider mills, John filled his knapsack and planted apple orchards along the routes of early settlers traveling west. He soon captured the attention of the westbound settlers and began selling them small apple trees for 6 cents each. Johnny encouraged the settlers to start their own orchards. The settlers, amazed at the orchards John Chapman started along the westbound routes gave him the name Johnny Appleseed.

Johnny’s care free spirit attracted the likes and admiration of many people. According to legend Johnny Appleseed also drew upon the affection of animals as he talked and slept with them in the forest. Johnny Appleseed was often an honored guest in many family homes. In 1845 while attending his apple orchards near Ft. Wayne, Indiana Johnny Appleseed died of pneumonia at the age of 70. Although the legend of Johnny Appleseed is best known because of his relationship with apples and animals, the life of Johnny “Appleseed” Chapman is best remembered because “He Lived For Others”.

### Program Objectives

After viewing the program, children should understand:

- what are legends and what traits “Johnny Appleseed” represents.
- the stories, history & family of “Johnny Appleseed”.
- how “Johnny Appleseed” became a famous American legend.
- how “Johnny Appleseed” cared for people, animals & apple orchards.

## **VOCABULARY:**

**Apple Orchard:** *A garden or area of planted apple trees.*

**John “Appleseed” Chapman:** *A famous American legend. Born John Chapman who was later given the name Johnny Appleseed by early American settlers.*

**Knapsack:** *A bag strapped on one’s back used to carry various items.*

**Laurie Lawlor:** *Author of the book, “The Real Johnny Appleseed” which has the earliest drawing of Johnny Appleseed and are perhaps the most accurate since the person who drew them personally knew him.*

**Legend:** *A story coming down from the past regarded as historical and widely believed but can not be proved to be true.*

**Leominster, Massachusetts:** *Birth place of John “Appleseed” Chapman on September 26th, 1774.*

**Settlers:** *People traveling west who bought apple trees from Johnny Appleseed for 6 cents each. These people are the ones who gave John Chapman the name Johnny Appleseed.*

**Tall Tale:** *Generally accepted as unbelievable details about a story or an imaginary event.*

**Winter Plague (Pneumonia):** *The disease Johnny Appleseed died from at the age of 70.*

## **Reinforcement Q&A:**

**Review the video to answer the following questions:**

- 1) Was Johnny Appleseed a REAL person?**
- 2) Where was the birth place of Johnny Appleseed?**
- 3) How much money did Johnny Appleseed charge the early settlers for each apple tree?**
- 4) According to legend what did Johnny Appleseed wear on his head ? What was in his knapsack?**
- 5) Who gave John Chapman the nickname Johnny Appleseed?**

5) The early American settlers

4) A cooking pot on his head; and appleseeds in his knapsack.

3) 6 cents each

2) Leominster, Massachusetts

1) Yes, but his birth name was John Chapman

**Follow-Up Activities:**

1) The legend of Johnny Appleseed has been illustrated slightly different among various authors. Discuss some of the similarities and differences among these various authors. Also explain to the children the difference between fictional and non-fictional characters.

2) Johnny Appleseed was an extraordinary farmer. If possible visit a cider mill, fruit farm, agricultural center, apple festival or orchard to experience the life of Johnny Appleseed.

3) Johnny Appleseed generously cared for the appleseeds he planted. Like Johnny Appleseed assign the children to bring items into class so they may plant their own seeds. Items include: planters pot, soil, plant seeds, small garden shovel and watering bucket.

4) Apples are used in many different types of food. Discuss with the children what food includes apples. Perhaps organize an apple festival and instruct the children to bring to class a variety of food produced from apples i.e. apple pie, apple cider, apple jam or jelly. Create apple games like bobbing for apples, or peel the apples and cook your own apple pie etc. Then enjoy an apple good time!

**Exercise #1:**

Have the students study the vocabulary list on page 2. Then write the number of the vocabulary word on the solid black line next to its definition.

**Vocabulary List:**

- |                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1) <i>Settlers</i>      | 3) <i>Knapsack</i>         |
| 2) <i>Apple Orchard</i> | 4) <i>Johnny Appleseed</i> |

\_\_\_\_\_ *The bag Johnny Appleseed used to carry apple seeds.*

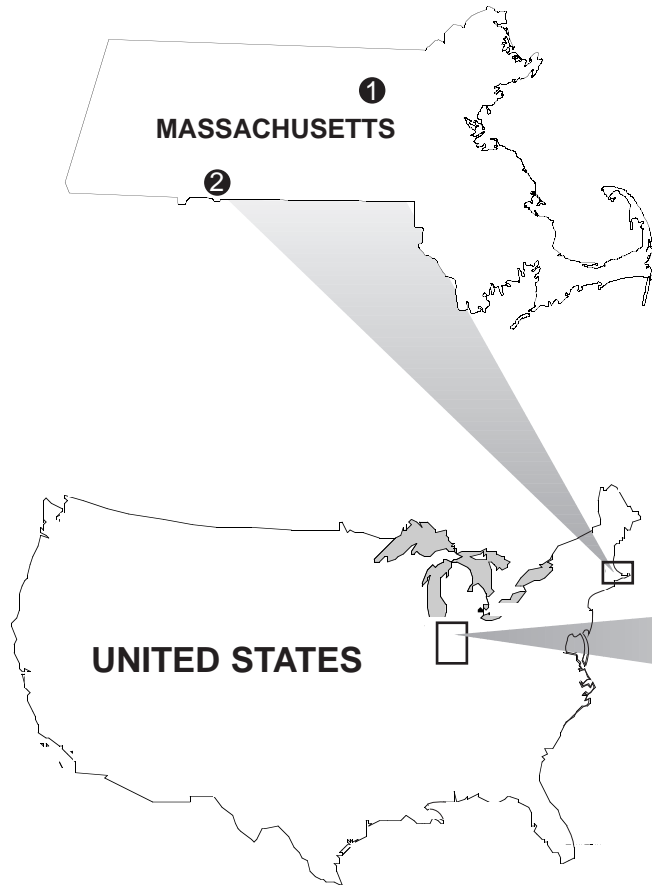
\_\_\_\_\_ *A famous American legend whose real name was John Chapman.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *People traveling west who bought apple trees from Johnny Appleseed for 6 cents each.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *A garden or area of planted apple trees.*

**Exercise #2:**

Help the children study the map to learn more about Johnny “Appleseed” Chapman.



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**① LEOMINSTER, Massachusetts:**

On September 26th, 1774 this area became the birth place of John Chapman.

**② LONGMEADOW, Massachusetts:**

At age 6 John Chapman along with his Father who remarried moved to this area.

**③ FT. WAYNE, Indiana:**

In 1845 John “Appleseed” Chapman dies at the age of 70 while tending orchards in this area. Also the site of Johnny “Appleseed” Chapman’s grave.



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