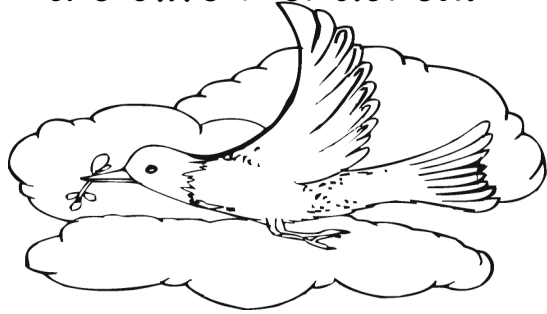


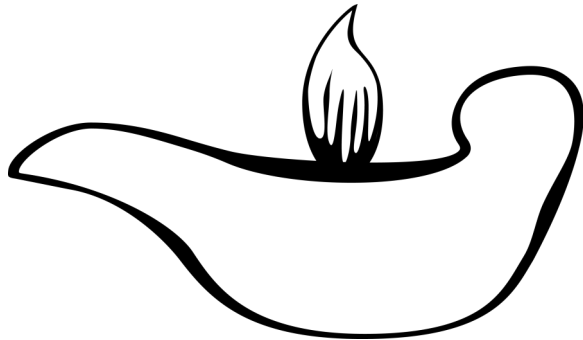
List some facts about the olive tree.



How early in the Bible is the olive mentioned?



List some uses of olives in the Bible.



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Write your own facts under the lift tabs or use the ones given.

# Importance of The Olive Tree



The olive tree was one of the most valuable plants in Bible times. The olive tree thrives on mountain slopes of Galilee and Samaria. It flourishes in rocky, chalky soil that is too dry for other plants. It can endure droughts. The olive tree is a slow growing tree and can take up to 10 years before it produces fruit. It is suggested some trees in Palestine date back more than 1000 years.

The olive tree is mentioned early in the Bible. Following the flood, it was an olive leaf brought back by a dove that let Noah know that the waters of the flood had receded. Genesis 8:11 says "Later on the dove came to him about the time of evening and, look! there was an olive leaf freshly plucked in its bill, and so Noah got to know that the waters had abated from the earth."

#### Scriptures to help in reference:

The most valued part of the olive is the oil. Fattened black ripe olives gave the most oil, however, the green olives just turning color gave the finest oil. Olive oil, high in fat, took the place of butter in the Israelite's diet. It was a common lamp oil fuel, applied to the body after bathing, it was considered an act of hospitality to grease a guest's head with oil and was used in worship.

Deuteronomy 7: 13 "He will love you and bless you and multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock, in the land which He swore to your forefathers to give you.

Exodus 27:20 You shall charge the sons of Israel, that they bring you clear oil of beaten olives for the light, to make a lamp burn continually.

Exodus 35:8....And oil for the light, and spices for anointing oil, and for the sweet incense

Luke 7:44-46 Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup>You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup>You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet

1 Kings 1:39 Zadok the priest took the horn of oil from the sacred tent and anointed Solomon. Then they sounded the trumpet and all the people shouted, "Long live King Solomon!"