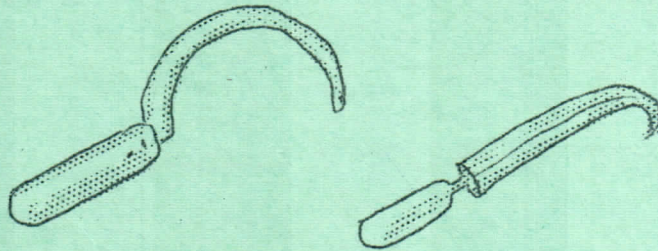
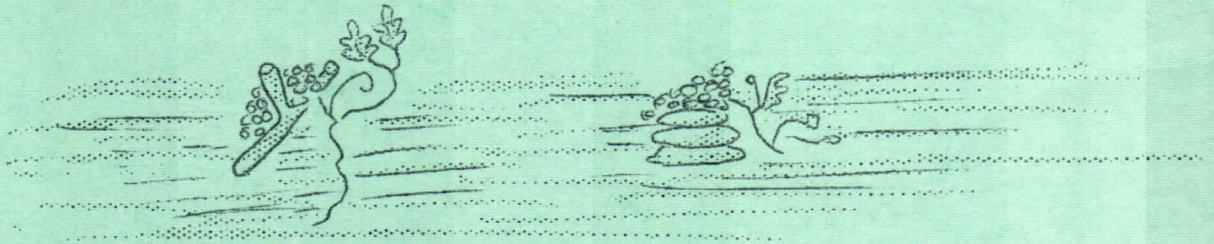


1. Hoe your vineyard each year. Be sure you have planted the rows of grapevines far enough apart so you will have room to hoe them. It is important to keep out the weeds that grow here.
2. After the blossoms are gone from the vines, prune the vines. Use a sickle or knife.



Cut off all long trailing vines that have no grapes. Cut close to the stem. You want your plant to have grapes, not a lot of vine.

3. When the bunches of grapes come, do not leave them lying on the ground. Prop them up with a stick or pile of rocks like this -



4. When the grapes are getting ripe on the vines, you must select a guard in your vineyard. Some people try building a scarecrow out of white stones. This keeps the fox away from the vines.

TURN CARD OVER

Isaiah 5:2 tells us how hard the farmer worked to make a good vineyard. God knew how the people cleared away the stones, hoed out the weeds, pruned the vines. The farmer wanted good grapes.

God said, that He had a vineyard too. God's vineyard was His people. He had taken care of them as carefully as the best farmer takes care of his vineyard. Now God was looking for some good fruit. He is disappointed. He says -

What could have been done more to My vineyard
that I have not done? Why, when I looked for
grapes did I find only wild grapes?

God wants His people to have fruit. He wants His people to grow strong, to have good fruit - to show others God's love and joy in their lives.

Are you a vineyard with fruit?