

The Law of the Harvest

Farmer Freddie

Instructions: Color and mount the picture below. Display it as you tell the story of Farmer Freddie. (Note: Farmer Freddie can be male or female.)

Farmer Freddie owns a fig farm. Figs are a sweet-tasting fruit that grow on trees in hot climates. They are a good source of calcium and fiber. In order to get the best harvest, Farmer Freddie works hard to make sure his trees are healthy. Fig trees need a lot of sun every day, but they are susceptible to sunburn, so Freddie makes sure to whitewash (white paint solution) the trunk and branches of each tree to prevent heat and sun damage. He regularly waters the trees but he watches the leaves because if they turn yellow and drop off, he knows the tree is not getting enough water. Sometimes he will mulch the soil around the tree trunk to conserve moisture. Pruning the tree too much can cause loss of crop, so Freddie only prunes right after the main crop is harvested. Gophers and birds can damage his crop so he watches carefully to keep these pests away. He keeps a clean orchard by destroying fallen fruit so that fruit beetles won't be able to carry diseases to his trees. Because Freddie carefully tends his crop, he can harvest up to four times a year. Farmer Freddie is industrious and willing to do the work to produce a bountiful harvest.



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