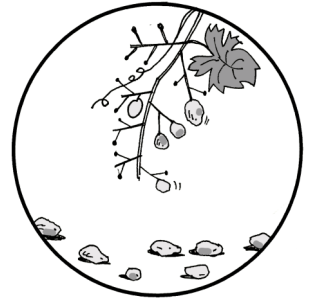


**Lesson #2-11*****Israel, God's Vineyard***

Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5

**Key Verse:**

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

Isaiah 11:1

**The Point:**

God calls us to love and respect others.

**Unit Theme (November 10—November 24)**

Our Sin, God's Faithfulness

**Let Me Sing**

*Exploring the power of music in affecting change.*

**Supplies:**

- › Activity Sheet
- › Internet-connected device(s)

**Preparation:**

1. Make copies of the Activity Sheet.
2. Look through the list of songs on the activity sheet and choose a few to use as samples. The website listed gives a link to the lyrics, as well as information to find an audio track. Feel free to use other music that meets the objective.

**Instructions:**

1. **Today's passage started out as "a song for my beloved." Throughout history, songs have been used to try and affect change.** Encourage the youth to brainstorm some examples of songs that encourage people to work to improve themselves, their

community, and the world. This would be a great activity to complete in groups, and then have groups report back to the whole.

2. After the youth have shared some of the songs they have thought of, share with them some of the samples you picked. Listen to the songs and talk about:
  - Who is the audience?
  - What problem is identified?
  - What does the song encourage the listener to do about the problem?
  - How is music effective as a way to share a message? Why did the author of today's passage start off by declaring it a song? How might that impact how the reader understands the rest of the passage? How does a song affect you differently from, say, reading an article or something?

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## **Examples of Songs with Social Justice Themes**

*Sunday, Bloody Sunday* U2

*We Shall Overcome* Pete Seeger (recently covered by Bruce Springsteen)

*You Can't Blame the Youth* Bob Marley

*Do Something* Matthew West

*No More* Eddie Veder

*With My Own Two Hands* Jack Johnson & Ben Harper

*If I Had a Hammer* Peter, Paul, & Mary

Visit the website <http://www.sojust.net/songs.html> for a lengthy list of songs and lyrics that have been used throughout history to affect change.