

THEME: LEAVES/TREES

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Songs	Leaves Are Falling	Leaves Are Falling	In the Leafy Treetops	In the Leafy Treetops	In the Leafy Treetops	Trip to the Park to Look at Leaves
Art	Create a Tree Mural	Fingerpaint Leaves	Leaf Rubbings	Leaf Coloring Pages	Leaf Sun Catchers	Trip to the Local Library to Check out Books on Leaves and/or Trees
Science	Leaf Walk	Label Your Tree Mural	What Grows on Trees?	Some Leaves Change Colors	Bark Rubbing	
Math	Leaf Sorting	Leaf Patterns	Leaf Counting	Tree Measuring	Tree Measuring 2	
Language	Leaf Words	Leaf Story	Family Tree	The Leaves are Falling Down book	L Tracing Page	Leaf Pile Jumping!
Snack	Broccoli w/ Dip	Leaf Salad	Palm Tree Fruit Salad	Pretzel Peanut Butter Tree	Butterscotch Leaf Piles	

MATERIALS:

Brown Packing Paper (or several paper grocery bags)
Butcher Paper (or packing paper)
Tape
Construction or Tissue Paper
(Green, Red, Yellow, Orange, Brown)
Tissue Paper (Green, Red, Yellow, Orange, Brown)
1 Sheet Brown Construction Paper
1 Sheet Blue Construction Paper
Safety Scissors (if your child will help with cutting)
Washable Fingerpaint (Red, Yellow, Green & Brown)
Crayons (broken is best)
Crayons or Markers
Clear Contact Paper
Glue or Glue Stick
Four Plastic Cups (or other small containers)
Tape Measure

Marker (optional)
Stapler
Pictures of Friends & Family
Pen or Pencil

SNACK INGREDIENTS:

Fresh Broccoli
Dip (ranch or Italian)
4 Cups Corn Flakes
1 Cup Coconut (optional)
1 Cup Peanut Butter
1/4 Cup Peanut Butter
2 Cups Butterscotch Chips
Prewashed Baby Spinach
1 Cucumber
Shredded Carrot
Salad Dressing
Large Stick Shaped Pretzels
Small Stick Shaped Pretzels
1 Banana
1 Orange
2 Kiwi

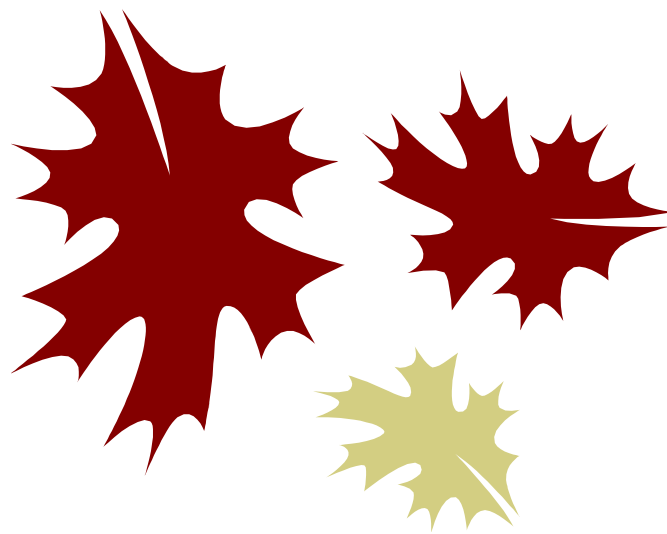
LEAVES ARE FALLING

TUNE: THE FARMER IN THE DELL

The leaves are falling down,
The leaves are falling down,

Red, yellow, green and
brown

The leaves are falling down.



IN THE LEAFY TREETOPS

In the leafy treetops the birds
sing good morning.

They're first to see the sun,
They must tell everyone.

In the leafy treetops the birds
sing good morning.



TREE MURAL



Materials:

Brown Packing Paper or Several Paper Shopping Bags

Tape

Green, Red, Yellow, Orange and Brown Construction Paper or Tissue Paper

Leaf Templates

Safety Scissors (if your child will help with the cutting)

Directions:

Have your child wrinkle up the brown packing paper, or the paper bags.

Flatten out the paper.

If using paper bags cut open the paper bags so they lie flat.

Cut out several large portions to be the trunk

Cut out branches

Tape to the wall, creating a tree as you go.

Print out leaf templates

Cut leaf templates out of the construction or tissue paper. (Or help your child to cut them out.)

<http://playtimewithmommy.blogspot.com/search?q=leaf>

Tape your leaves to the branches in your tree!!

FINGER PAINT LEAVES

Materials:

Washable Finger Paint (Red, Yellow, Green & Brown) I recommend Crayola brand – it's more expensive, but it's also more washable.

Butcher Paper or Packing Paper (paper bags are also fine)

Tape

Directions:

Have your child finger paint all over the butcher or packing paper (don't worry if it gets wrinkled, it will just give more texture to your "leaves")

Let the painting dry

Cut the painting into leaf shapes (or use the template below and trace the leaf shapes before cutting!).

<http://stuck-on-glue.blogspot.com/2011/10/stained-glass-leaves.html>

Display your leaves. (You can tape them on a wall, window, refrigerator etc. If you did the tree mural activity, you can also add them to your tree!)



LEAF RUBBING

Materials:

Leaves

Plain Paper

Crayons (broken crayons work best)

Tape

Directions:

Peel several crayons.

Take a leaf and put a small bit of tape to keep it still on your work surface.

Help your child to put a plain piece of paper on top of the leaf.

Help your child to rub the crayon back and forth over the leaf, until the outline of the leaf appears on their paper.

Proudly display your leaf rubbings!



LEAF COLORING PAGES

Materials:

Crayons or Markers

Leaf Coloring Pages

Directions:

Print your choice of coloring pages:

<http://www.coloring.ws/trees2.htm>

Have your child color their leaves any way they wish.

Display your leaves! Or cut out and add to your tree mural.



LEAF SUN CATCHERS

Materials:

Clear Contact Paper

Tissue Paper (red, yellow, green, brown, orange)

Leaf Templates

Directions:

Help your child to tear the tissue paper into small pieces.

Cut a piece of contact paper out, and remove the backing.

Place sticky side up, and let your child cover the contact paper with the pieces of tissue paper.

Once the contact paper is covered, cut another piece of contact paper out and place sticky side down on top of the tissue covered one.

Press firmly to adhere.

Cut into leaf shapes. (or print out the following template – and trace and cut).

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/leaf/leaftemplate.GIF>

Display your leaf sun catchers in a sunny window and watch the light shine through them.

LEAF WALK

Materials:

Clear Contact Paper

Directions:

Take a walk through your neighborhood, back yard, or a local park.

Look for all the different kinds of leaves you can find.

Collect a few leaves to take home with you.

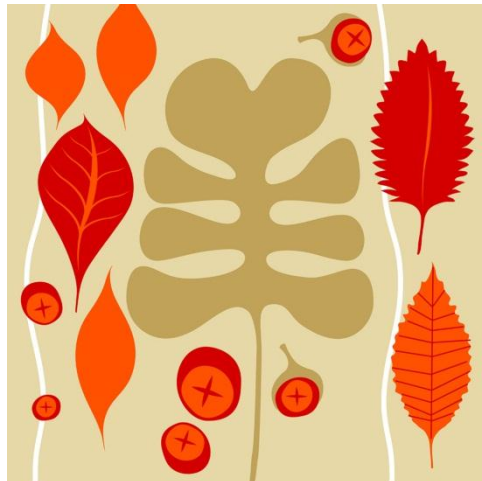
Once you are back, cut out a piece of contact paper.

Remove the adhesive backing, and let your child place the leaves he or she collected on the sticky side of the contact paper.

Cut another sheet and remove the adhesive backing.

Place sticky side down on top of the other sheet, to seal in the leaves.

Display in a window, to remember your leaf walk!



LABEL YOUR TREE MURAL

Materials:

Word Templates

Tape

Directions:

Print out the word templates.

Talk about each part of the tree as you tape the word templates in the appropriate places on your tree mural.

(Because we usually don't put roots on the tree mural, we just put the word strip for "roots" underneath the tree, to show that the roots are underground.)

BRANCH

TRUNK

LEAF

ROOTS

WHAT GROWS ON TREES?

Materials:

Printable Templates

Safety Scissors (if your child will be cutting)

Glue or Glue Stick

Directions:

Print out the templates.

Cut out (or help your child to cut out) the picture templates

Help your child to glue the pictures of things that grow on trees to the tree picture!





SOME LEAVES CHANGE COLOR; SOME DO NOT!

Materials:

Printable Templates

Safety Scissors (if your child will be cutting)

Glue or Glue Stick

Directions:

Print out the templates.

Display the word strips “deciduous” and “evergreen.”

Explain that the word “deciduous” means a tree that has leaves that change colors and fall off during the fall. The word “evergreen” means a tree that has leaves that do not change colors or fall off during the fall or winter.

Cut the tree pictures out (or help your child to cut them out) and glue or paste them in the appropriate column in the worksheet.

DECIDUOUS

EVERGREEN

EVERGREEN

DECIDUOUS



BARK RUBBING

Materials:

Trees

Plain Paper

Crayons (broken crayons work best)

Tape

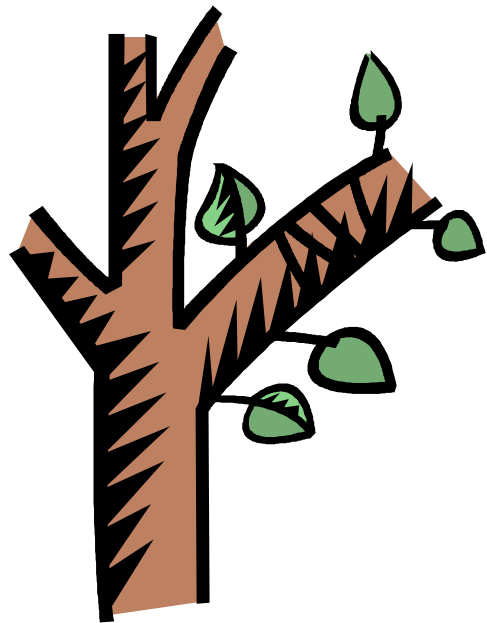
Directions:

Peel several crayons.

Find a tree (or better yet, several different trees) and help your child to put a plain piece of paper over the bark. You may want to tape it in place on the tree trunk to help hold it in place.

Help your child to rub the crayon back and forth over the bark until the texture of the bark appears on their paper.

Proudly display your bark rubbings!



LEAF SORTING

Materials:

Leaf and Color Templates

Four Plastic Cups or Other Small Containers

Tape

Clear Contact Paper (optional)

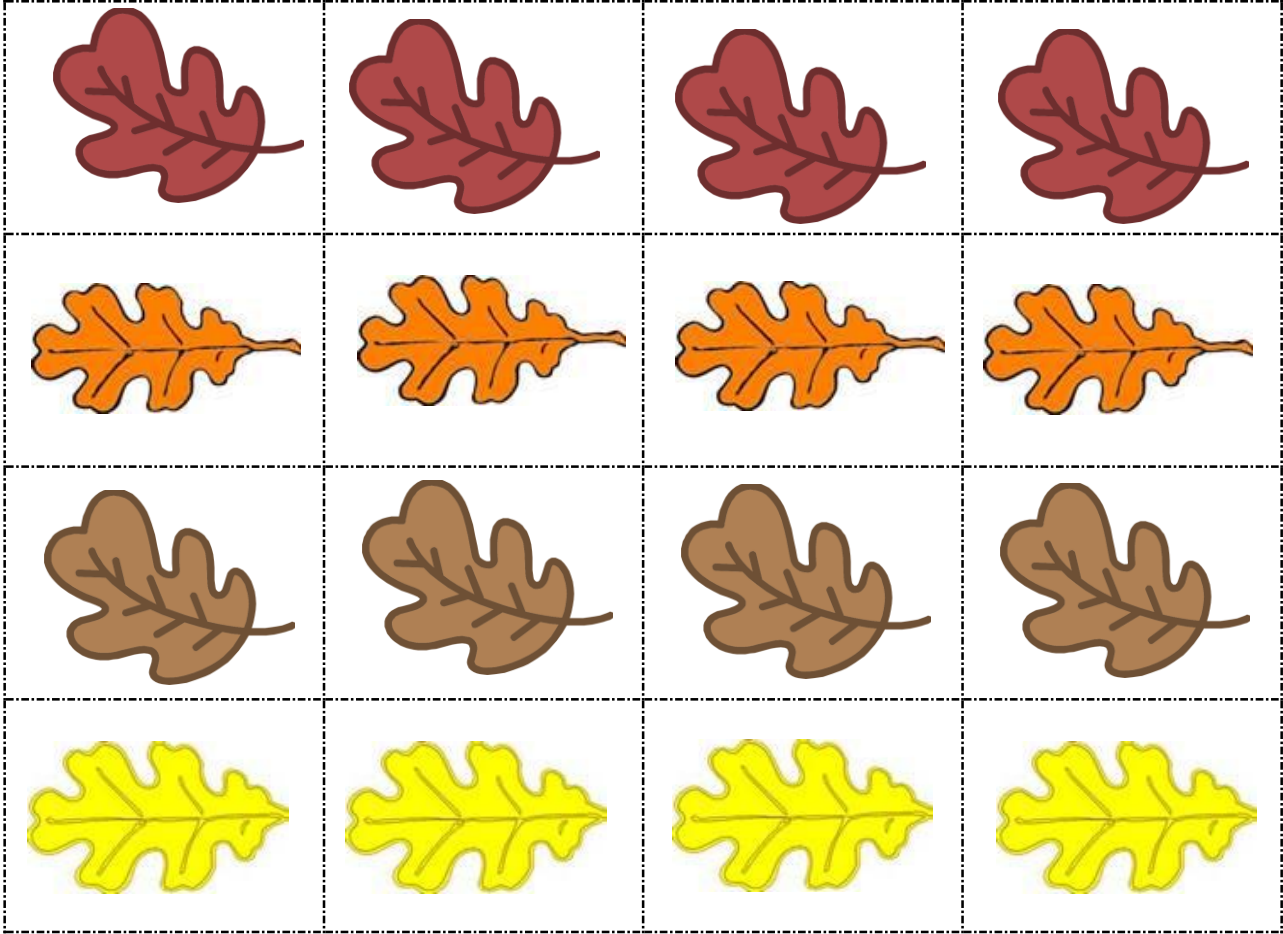
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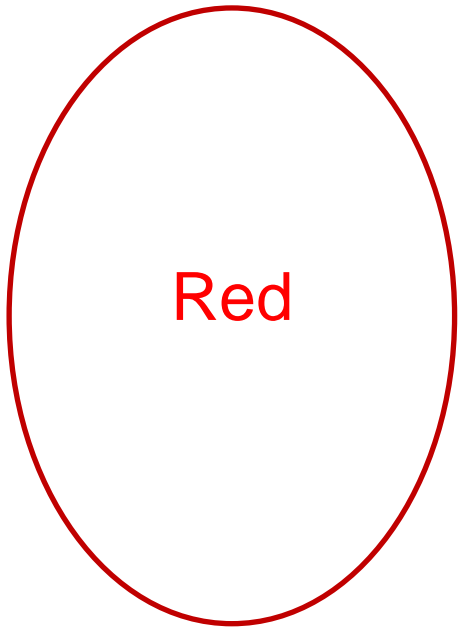
Print leaf and color templates

Cut out. You may want to cover these in clear contact paper, if you would like this game to last through more than one or two uses.

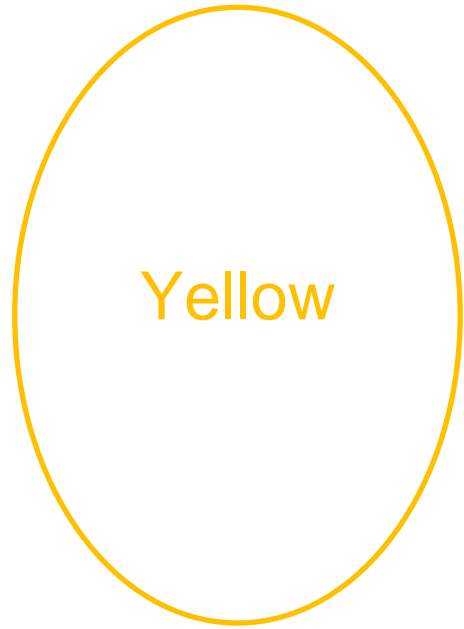
Attach the color labels to four plastic cups, or other small containers.

Help your child to sort the leaves into the appropriate container.

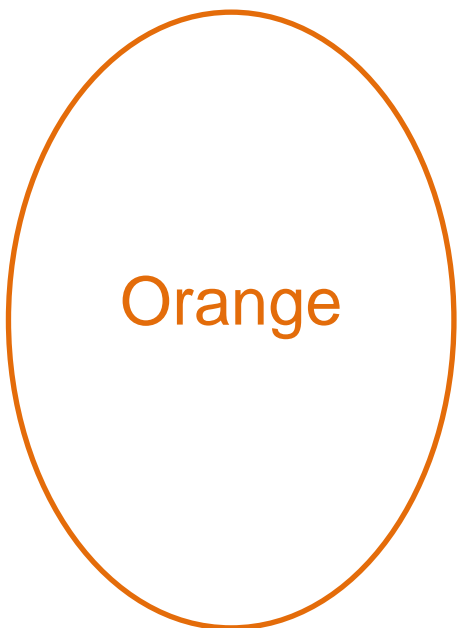




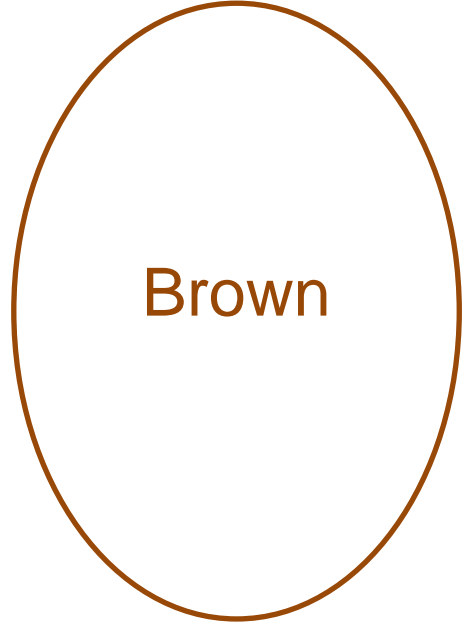
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Yellow



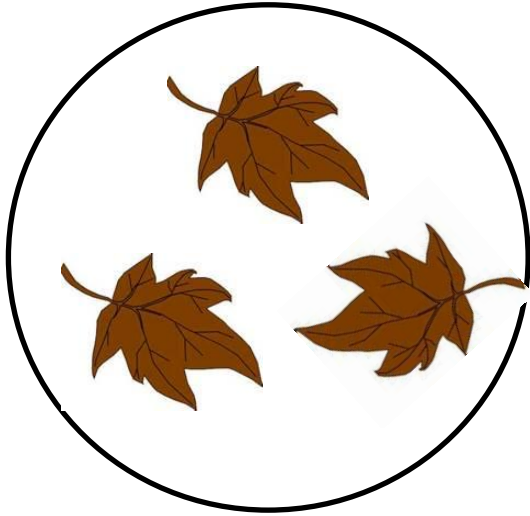
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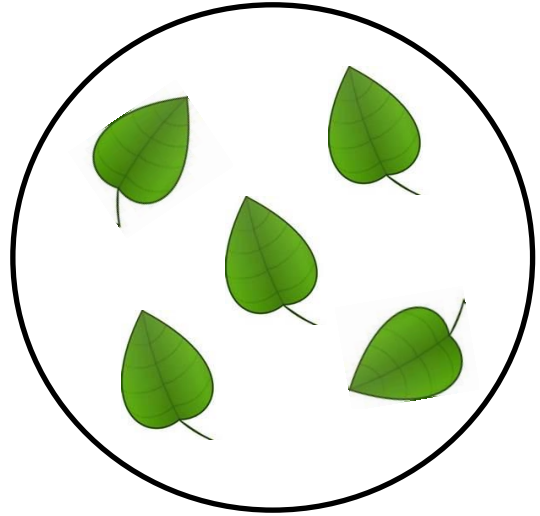
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LEAF COUNTING

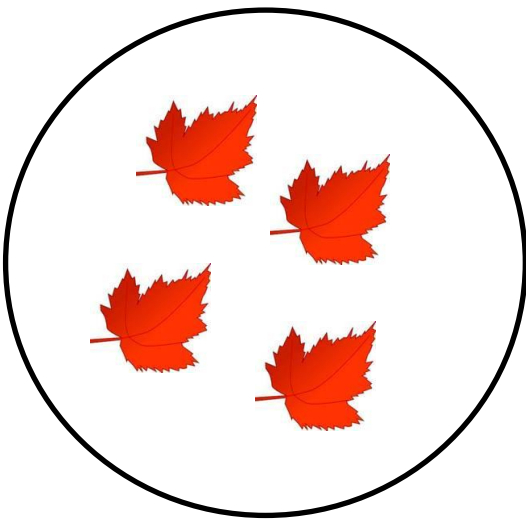
Count the leaves and then write or trace the number.



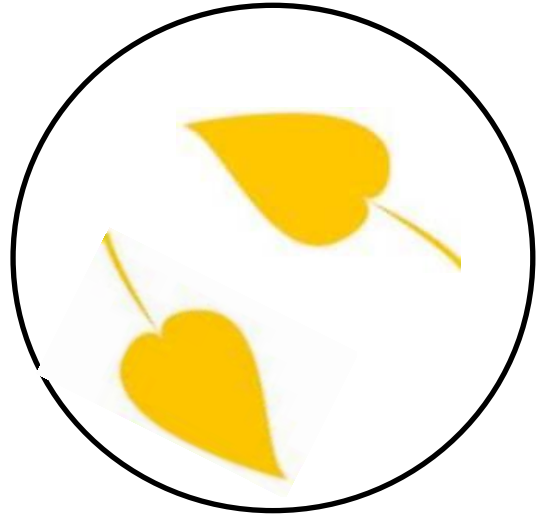
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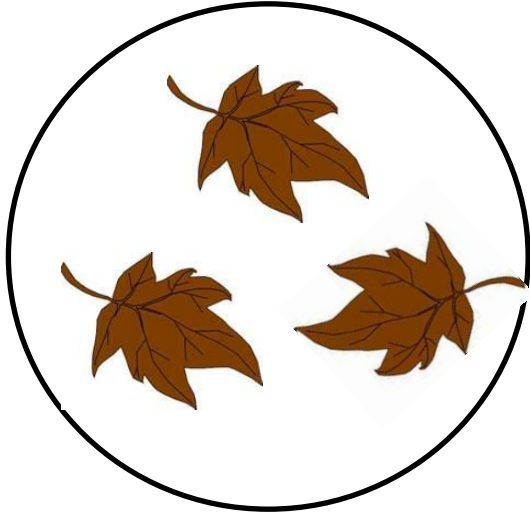
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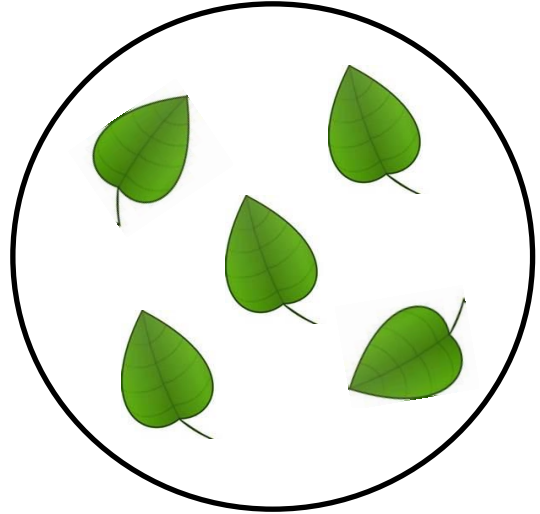


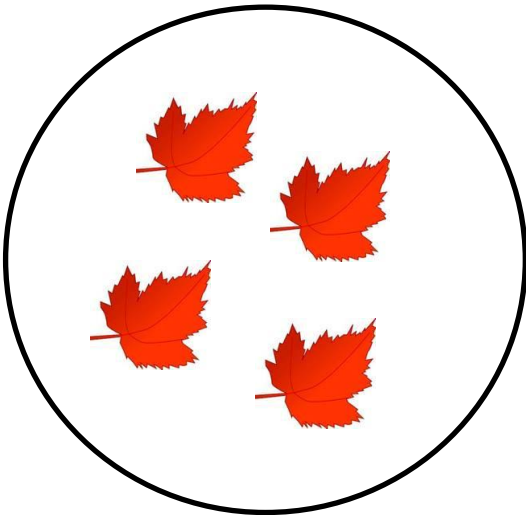
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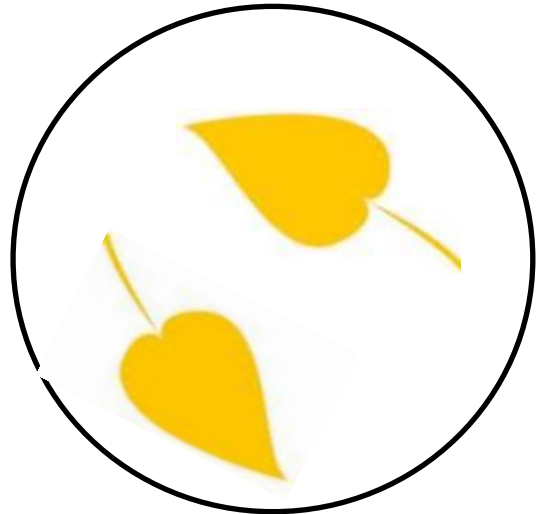
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TREE MEASURING

Materials:

Tree Mural (from previous activity)

Tape Measure

Template

Pen or Pencil

Directions:

Use the tape measure to help your child measure the tree mural you created earlier.

Print the template and fill in the number of inches.

Display next to your mural.

MY TREE IS

_____ INCHES



TALL



TREE MEASURING 2

Materials:

Trees

Tape Measure



Directions:

Use a flexible tape measure to measure around the trunk of a tree. If you have several trees available, measure several trunks to compare their sizes. See if a branch measures bigger or small around than the trunk!



LEAF WORDS

Materials:

Leaf Words Template

Pen or Marker

Directions:

While thinking about the leaf walk that you took earlier, let your child suggest words that describe the leaves that you saw. (colors, textures, smells etc.)

Write the words on the template and display near your tree mural or leaf art!

LEAF WORDS:

LEAF STORY

Materials:

Story Template

Pen or Pencil

Directions:

Print out the story template.

Let your child dictate a story to you about a leaf that fell from its tree.

Some children may need some prompting to get started “How did the little leaf feel?” “Where did the leaf go first?” Etc.

Don't worry if you don't have a story with a complete beginning, middle and end. Just have fun writing down what they say!

It's okay if you don't capture every single word of their story (you can always try to record it if you'd like) Just jot down the bits and pieces you can. Your child will feel special just having you write down what they're saying!

Have your child illustrate their story if they wish.

MY DRAWING....

FAMILY TREE

Materials:

Brown Construction Paper

Blue Construction Paper

Safety Scissors (if your child will be cutting)

Pen or Pencil

Leaf Templates

Pictures of Friends and Family (optional) and crayons

Glue or Glue Stick

Directions:

Trace your child's hand and forearm onto the brown construction paper. Cut out (or help your child to cut out).

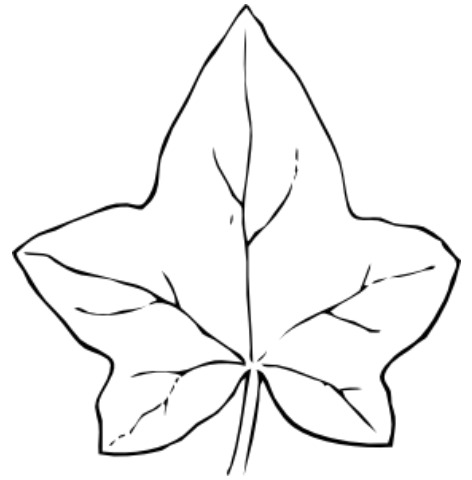
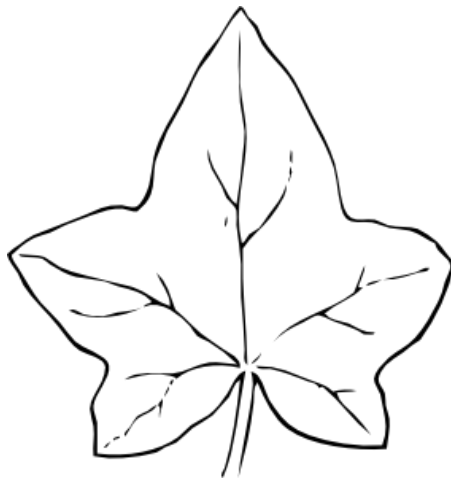
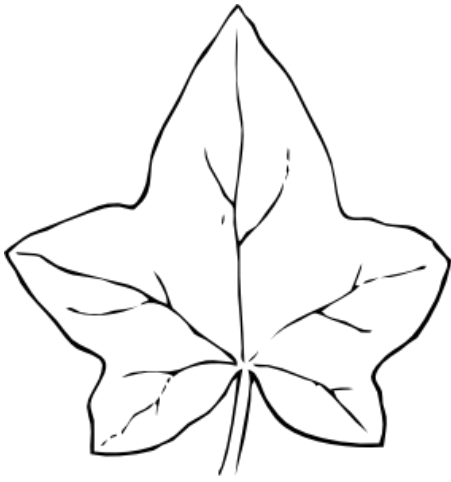
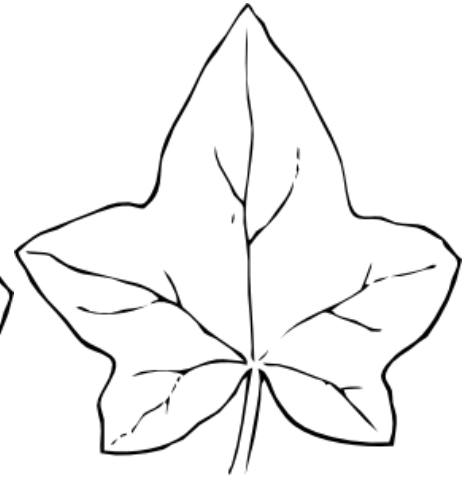
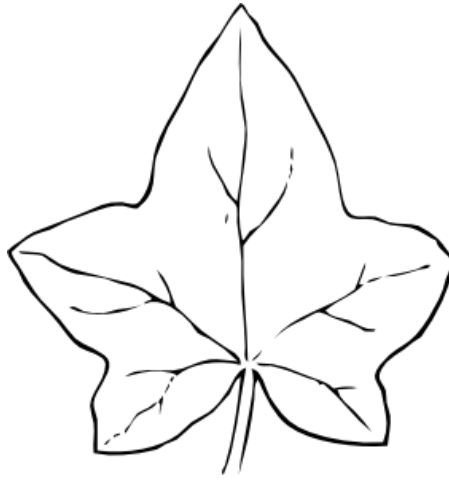
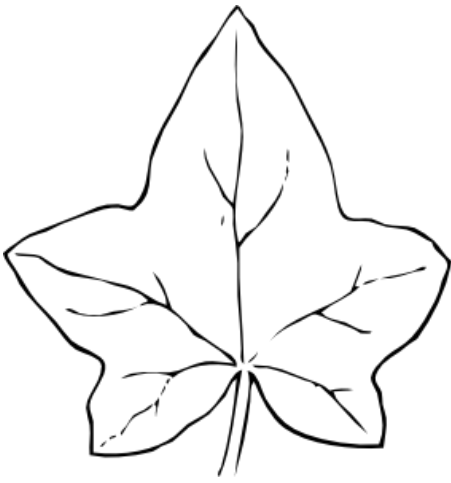
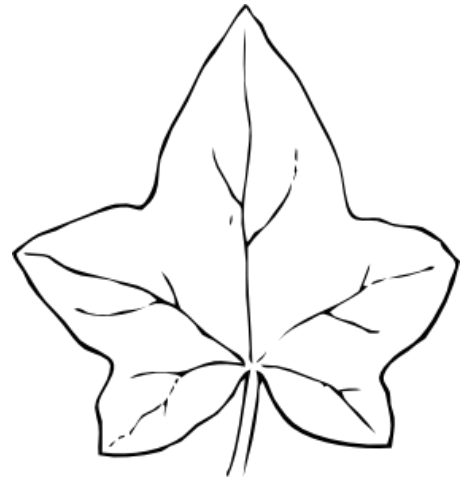
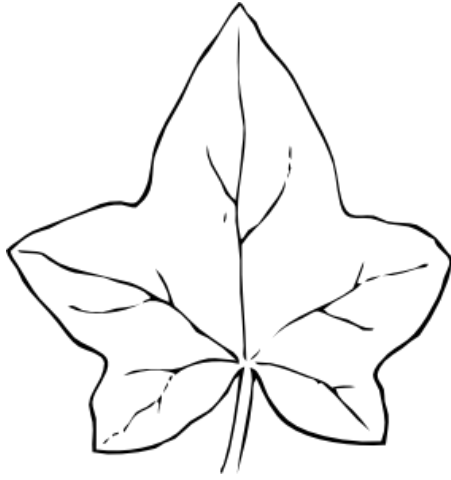
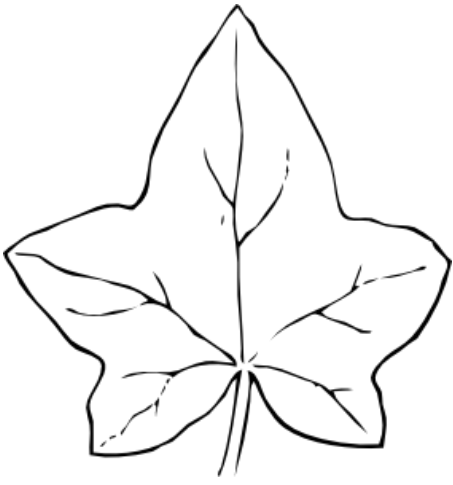
Have your child glue their hand cut-out onto the blue construction paper to make the trunk of a tree.

Print out the leaves template. Cut out leaves. Have your child color them in with crayons if you wish.

Attach a picture of a family member/friend to each of the leaves (or draw each family member on the leaf)

Write the name under the picture.

Have your child glue the leaves onto their tree and talk about all the people they love and care about!



THE LEAVES ARE FALLING DOWN BOOK

Materials:

Book Template

Color Crayons or Washable Markers

Stapler

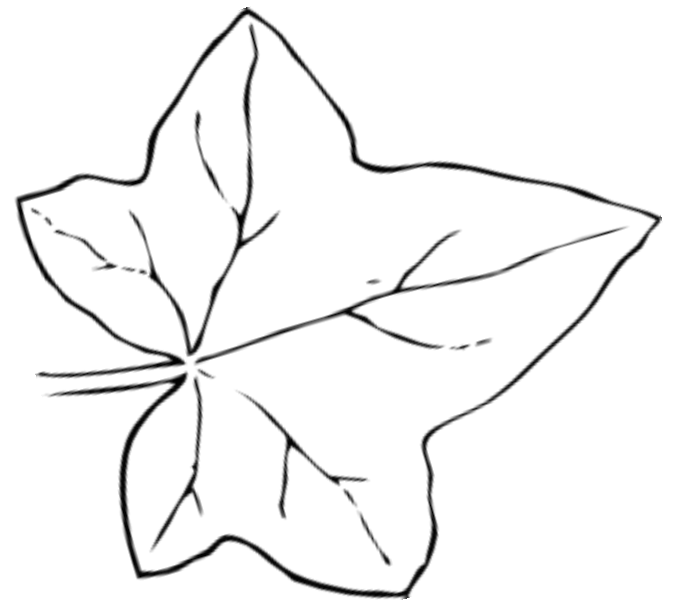
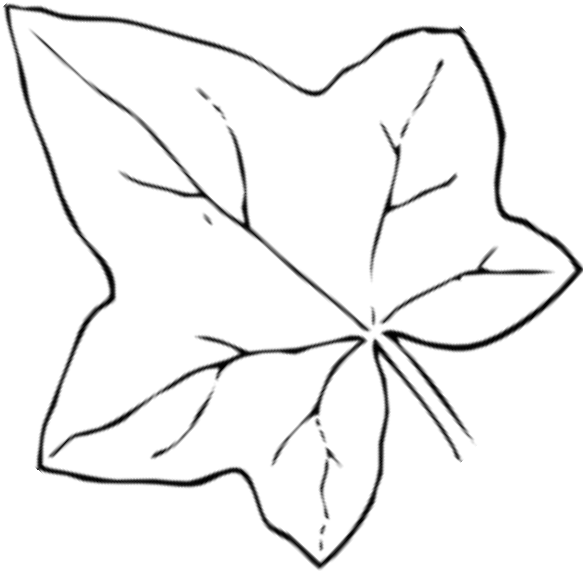
Directions:

Print out the Book Template.

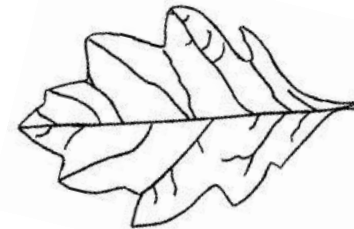
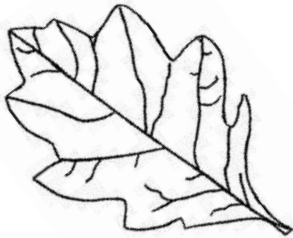
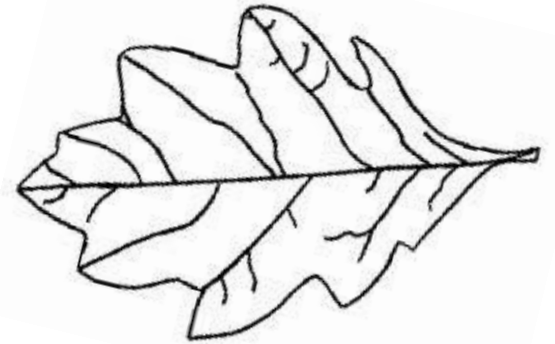
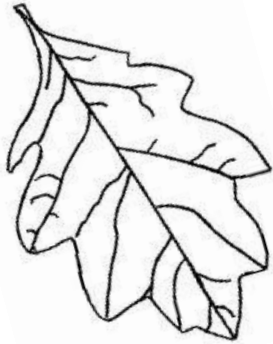
Let your child color the pages.

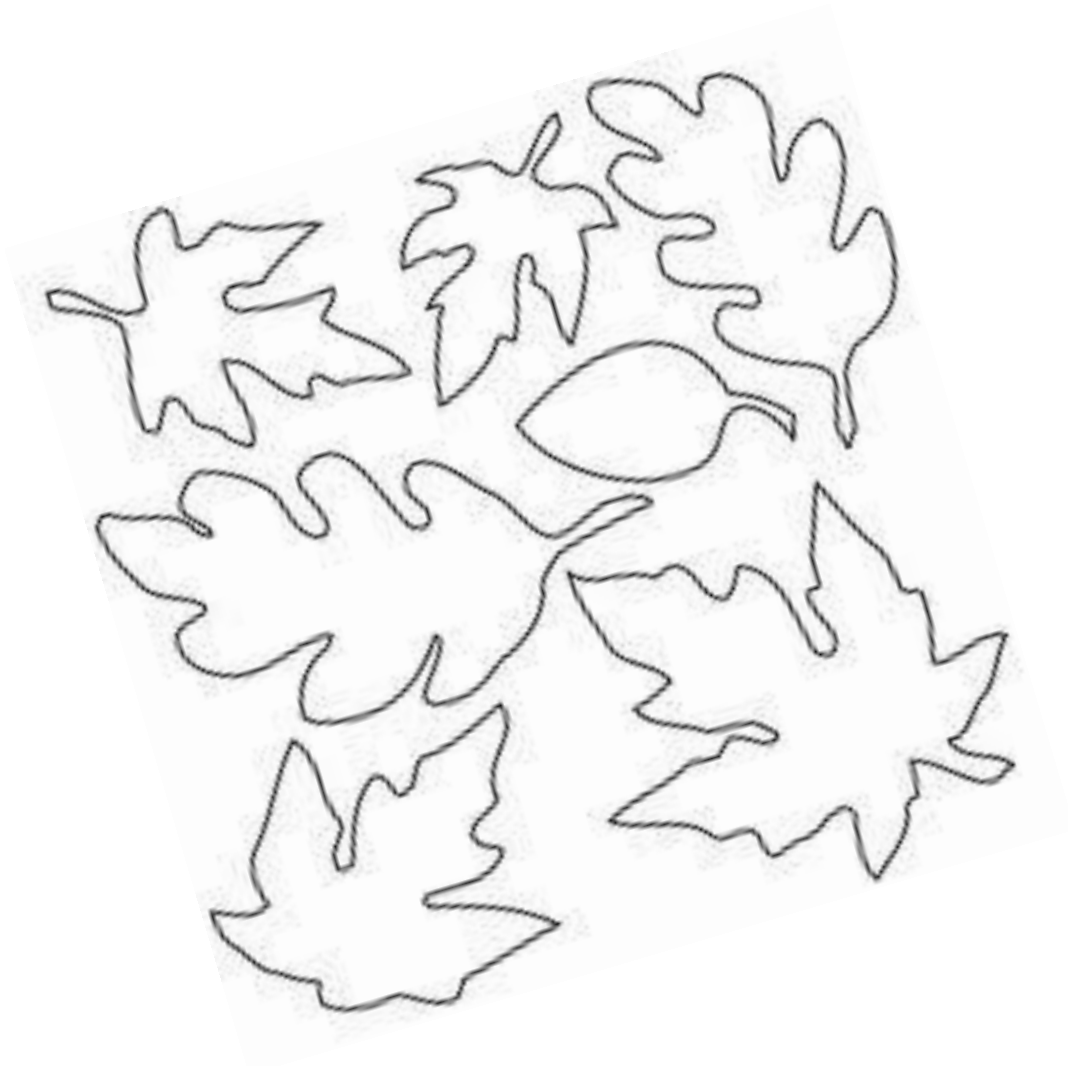
Staple together to create a book!

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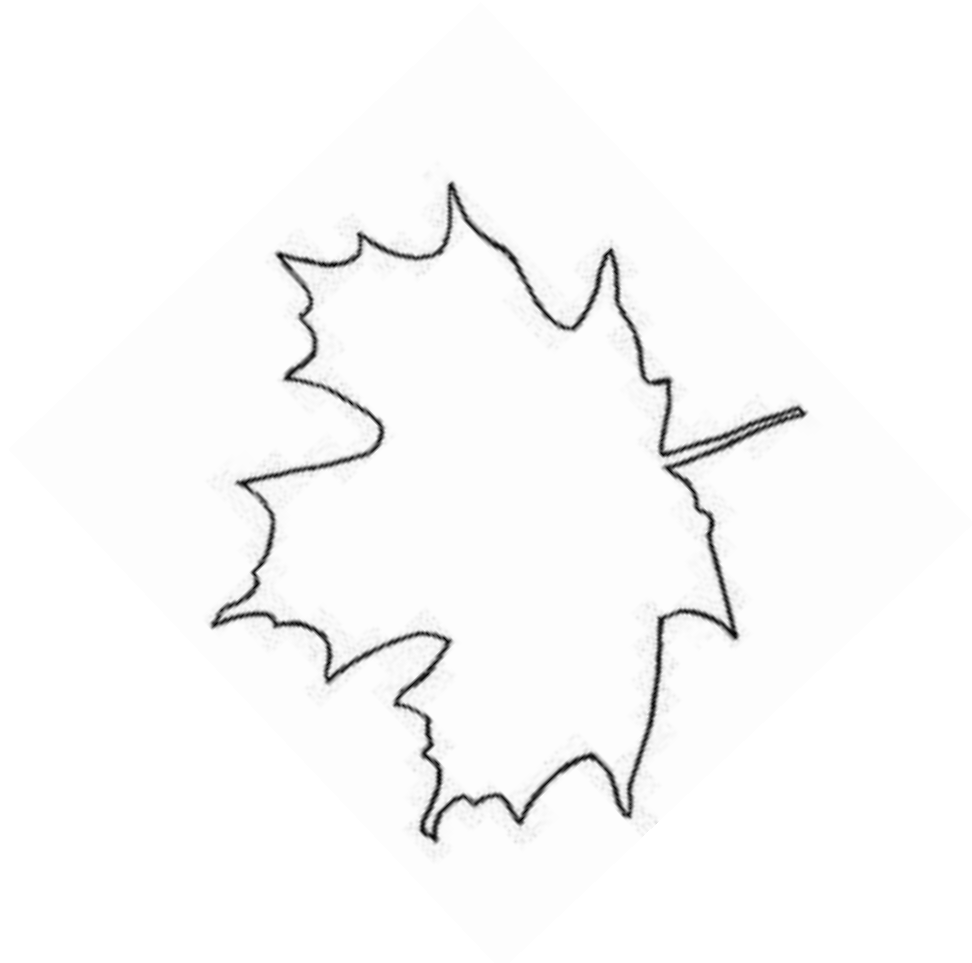




The leaves are falling down.

Red





Yellow

Green





and Brown

The leaves are falling down!



BROCCOLI & DIP

Ingredients:

Fresh Broccoli

Dip (ranch or Italian salad dressing)

Directions:

Wash and cut broccoli.

Serve with dip.

Have fun eating your “trees!”



LEAF SALAD

Ingredients:

Prewashed Baby Spinach

Cucumber

Shredded Carrot

Salad Dressing

Directions:

Slice the cucumber.

Combine the spinach, cucumber, and shredded carrot.

Add a little of your favorite salad dressing to the top.

Serve your edible leaves!

PEANUT BUTTER PRETZEL TREE

Ingredients:

Peanut Butter

Large Stick Shaped Pretzels

Small Stick Shaped Pretzels

Directions:

Help your child create an edible tree by using peanut butter to attach the small stick pretzels to the larger “trunk” pretzel.

Enjoy!

