

Fun with Toddlers: Fall Theme

Songs to Sing / Rhymes to Say

Apple Tree www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKmFHRrkFuQ

Way up high in the apple tree.
Five little apples smiled down at me.
I shook that tree just as hard as I could.
Down came the apples
and mmm they were good.

5 Little Pumpkins

http://wiki.kcls.org/index.php/Five_Little_Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate.
The first one says, "Oh, my. It's getting late!"
The 2nd one says "There are witches in the air"
The third one says, "But I don't care."
The fourth one says, "Let's run & run & run."
The 5th one says, "We're ready for some fun!"
Ooooooooooooo went the wind, and OUT went the light,
and five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.

Homemade Toys to Make:

Play-dough: Take 1 1/2 cups water and 1/2 cup salt. Heat to almost boiling. Remove from heat and add 2 TBS. vegetable oil, 2 TBS alum, food coloring. Cool and knead in 2 – 3 cups of flour. Store in a Ziploc bag.

Felt Tree: Cut a tree, leaves & apples from felt. Let child stick to felt board.

Games to Play:

Leaf Hunt. Go for a walk and collect fall leaves. Talk about the different colors and the different shapes, count how many points they have, compare small to large, and notice smooth edges versus serrated edges.

Crafts to Do:

Leaf Suncatchers. Take the prettiest leaves from your leaf hunt, and sandwich them between two layers of clear contact paper. Frame with a paper plate rim or construction paper, and hang in the window.

Books to Read:

Owl Babies by Martin Waddell. Itsy Bitsy Spider by Iza Trapani.
The Very Busy Spider, Eric Carle. Apples & Pumpkins, Anne Rockwell.

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