

Topical Lesson - Fall

Story Suggestions

Genesis 8:22: Harvest Leviticus 23: The Feast of Weeks, The Feast of Trumpets, The Feast of Booths 2 Corinthians 9:10: Harvest of Your Righteousness James 3:18: Harvest of Righteousness

Fall provides many opportunities for teaching from the Bible. Use the references above to teach children the meaning of the harvest. In the Old Testament, the Israelites celebrated the reaping of the harvest of the land given to them by God. In the New Testament, the idea of harvest has a spiritual significance, applying to the sowing and reaping of God's people.

Game Ideas:

"Tonto"

Directions: Seat children in a circle. Choose one child to be "Tonto" and have him leave the room. Have the other players choose one in the circle to be the Indian chief. The Indian chief leads the others in all sorts of physical actions, such as jumping, slapping their knees, shaking their heads, etc. Then Tonto is called back into the room and stands in the center of the circle. As the circle players change from action to action, Tonto tries to find the Indian chief. He has three guesses to do so. If he succeeds, the Indian chief becomes the next Tonto and leaves the room. The first Tonto then joins the circle. If he is wrong, goes out again or another child is chosen to be Tonto.



Bobbing for Apples (without water)

Directions: Hang apples from a string to about the length where children can reach them with their mouths. Give each child a turn to try and bite an apple that is hanging without using his hands. Hands must be kept folded behind their bodies. If successful, the child can remove the apple and continue eating it. If unsuccessful after a few minutes of trying, just give the child the apple and let him eat it. Make sure each new child gets a new and clean apple by replacing it on the string.

Snack Idea:

Caramel Apples on a Stick

Ingredients:

Small apples – one for each child
1 package caramels (14 oz.)
1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional)
6 Popsicle sticks

Directions:

Line a cookie sheet with waxed paper. Empty nuts onto the paper and divide into six equal heaps. Leave as much space as possible between each heap.

Wash and dry the apples. Twist off the stems and push Popsicle sticks half way onto the apples where the stems used to be.

Melt the caramels in the microwave or a saucepan over low heat.

Dip apples in the melted caramel to coat. Use a knife to help cover the whole apple. Place each apple, stick side up, onto a heap of nuts and roll over to cover.

Refrigerate until the caramel is firm, about 1/2 hour.

Art Center Ideas:

Leaf Placemats

Materials:

Leaves of different shapes and sizes
Laminating Paper
Construction Paper
Scissors

Directions:

Begin with a walk through the fallen leaves. Children love to explore the many textures and colors during this season. After you have collected the leaves place them on to a sheet of construction paper and cover with laminating paper on both the top and bottom of the construction paper.

Trim the edges to make scalloped shapes or just trim away any excess laminating paper.

Play-Doh Fun

Materials:

Play-Doh in fall colors
(red, yellow, brown, and green)
Cinnamon scent (craft store)
Vanilla scent (craft store)
Leaf cookie cutters

Directions:

Mix the scents into the Play-Doh to create wonderful fall scents.

Let children use the Play-Doh and leaf cookie cutters to play with.

Let them take home their leaves.

Suggested Prayer:

"Thank you, God, for the fall season. A time that we can be thankful for so many things. Thank you, God, for your love, and the joy that your love brings. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Feast Coloring Page

Use the coloring page below depicting the time that Jesus turned five loaves of bread and two fish into a feast for everyone!

