

Fall Fingerplays & Songs

Autumn Leaves

Sung to: "Mulberry Bush"

Summer leaves are hanging,

Hanging, hanging

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All day long. (*stand with arms outstretched*)

Autumn leaves are turning colors...All day long. (*turn around*)

Autumn leaves are falling down...All day long. (*lower self to floor*)

Autumn leaves are dancing....All day long. (*dance*)

Autumn leaves are being raked....All day long. (*gather the group closer*)



The Leaves

Sung to: "The Wheels on the Bus"

BEFORE singing the song give each child a strip of orange and red crepe paper or gather enough leaves so that each child has a red and an orange one.

The leaves on the trees turn Orange and Red (*Raise the crepe paper who's color is sung.*)

Orange and Red, Orange and Red,

The leaves on the trees turn Orange and Red

All around the town.

The leaves on the tree come tumbling down, tumbling down, tumbling down,

(*Make leaves tumble to the floor without letting go of the stem.*)

The leaves on the trees come tumbling down,

All around the town.

The leaves on the trees go "swish, swish, swish," (*Swish leaves along floor*)

"swish, swish, swish, swish, swish, swish,"

The leaves of the trees go "swish, swish, swish"

All around the town.

We'll rake them in a pile and jump right in!

(*"gently" drop leaves into the middle of the circle and jump in place.*)

Jump right in, Jump right in!

We'll rake them in a pile and jump right in!

All around the town.

Five Little Squirrels

Five little squirrels with acorns to store.

One went to sleep and then there were four!

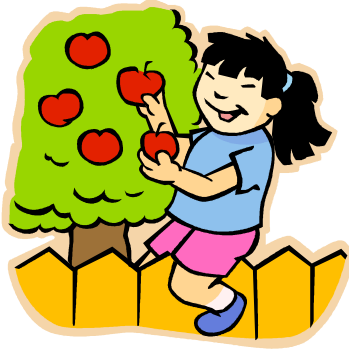
Four little squirrels hunting acorns in a tree.

One fell down, and now there are three!

Three little squirrels wondering what to do.



One got lost, and now there are two!
 Two little squirrels tossing acorns for fun.
 One got tired, and now there is one!
 One little squirrel playing in the sun.
 He ran away, now there are none.



Apple Seed

Sung to: "Eensy Weensy Spider"

Once a little apple seed
 Was planted in the ground.
 Down came the raindrops
 Falling all around
 Out came the bright sun
 As bright as bright could be
 and the little apple seed
 Grew up to be an apple tree.

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Sung to: "Teddy Bear, Teddy bear turn around"

Scarecrow, Scarecrow, turn around.

Scarecrow, scarecrow, jump up and down

Scarecrow, scarecrow, arms up high

Scarecrow, Scarecrow, wink one eye

Scarecrow, scarecrow, bend your knee

Scarecrow, scarecrow, flap in the breeze

Scarecrow, scarecrow, climb into bed

Scarecrow, scarecrow, rest your head



Five Leaves

Five little leaves so bright and gay,

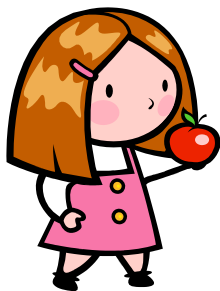
Were dancing about on a tree one day.

The wind came blowing through the town,

And one little leaf came tumbling down.

[Continue with 4 leaves, then 3, 2, & 1.]

[We hold pictures of leaves or real leaves and drop them.]



Two Apples

Way up high in the apple tree. *(Point up high)*

Two little apples smiled at me. *(Hold up two fingers and then bring to corners of mouth)*

I shook that tree as hard as I could. *(Shake arms)*

Down they came. *(Bring arms down and slap knees)*

M-m-m were they good! *(rub tummy)*