

Happy

Fall

Y'all

Theme Packet



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Theme Introduction

Theme: Happy Fall Y'all!

This Happy Fall Y'all Theme can be used no matter the weather. Most of the ideas in here are for both indoor and outdoor or they are adaptable to accommodate your needs.

This theme is quite general so you may consider using this theme in conjunction with other more specific themes – Fall Break, Halloween, Harvest, Thanksgiving, Gratitude, etc.

We have included food ideas, activities, music and décor related to the general Happy Fall Y'all theme, but we also give suggestions to incorporate some of the more popular Autumn themes as well.

Look for the “Pumpkin” for suggestions on more specific themes.



Also look for the GREEN Resources box to find a link to the Fall Theme Resources Page on our website. If you want to find supplies, detailed suggestions, or tutorials that aren't included in this packet, check the Resources page for those details.



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Crafts/Activities/Games

Below are suggestions for some crafts, activities, and games to play with the children. Some of these are obvious. However, we have provided short explanations for others. In addition, you can go to our special [“Fall Theme Resource Page”](#) page on our website where you can link directly to the supplies that we have mentioned here.

In some instances, some of these suggestions need longer explanations or more detail. In that case, we have links to tutorials or explanations online and have included the source where we could find them.

Crafts

1. **Gratitude Tree*** – Here is an [example from positivepsychology.com](#). You can use leaves or the kids’ handprints (made of paper, felt or craft foam) . Create a large tree trunk and have the kids put things they are thankful for on the “leaves or hands.” OR you can buy a pre-made tree with leaves pretty inexpensively. See our [Fall Theme Resource Page](#). This makes for a great gathering activity when the kids first arrive. We included some printable leaves for you to print and cut – both full-color and black and white versions. See pages 5 & 6.
2. **Leaf Rubbings** – This is a timeless activity that doesn’t really need much explanation. Go out and find leaves (soft ones not the crunchy kind) of all different shapes and sizes. Then place the leaves underneath a piece of paper and rub crayons across the leaves to see beautiful fall leaves magically appear across the page.
3. **Apple Scented Play Dough** – Make wonderful smelling play dough. Here’s our favorite play dough recipe:

1 1/2 c. flour	Mix all dry ingredients together.
1/2 c. salt	Add food coloring (if using) to hot
2 tsp. cream of tartar	water. Add colored water to dry
2 tbsp. oil (I like coconut oil)	ingredients.
1 c. of boiling water	*Add apple pie spice to dry
Food coloring	ingredients.

4. **Apple Glitter Slime** – See the recipe on [Little Bins for Little Hands](#). They have great science activities on this site! We have the ingredients to make these on the [Fall Theme Resource Page](#).
5. **Beaded Pipecleaner Corn** – [One Little Project has a great one-minute tutorial](#) on how to put these together. Supplies on [Fall Theme Resource Page](#).
6. **PineCone Birdfeeder** – Here’s an [easy tutorial from Preschool Inspirations](#).
7. **Bubble Painting** – This is a really easy and fun way to paint with kids. See the video explanation of how to do this on our [Fall Theme Resource Page](#).
8. **Make a No-Sew Blanket** – You do NOT need to have any sewing skills to make little blankets with the kids. Here’s an [easy tutorial for you to follow](#) to make some double-sided fleece blankets. You don’t need to use the specific fabric that they use in the video. Just pick out your favorite two that go together and you’re good to go! We have a picture of one that our granddaughter made on the [Fall Theme Resource Page](#).
9. **Falling Leaves Snow Globe** – [The Soccer Mom Blog has an easy video tutorial](#) for you to make a “snow” globe but with falling leaves. Perfect for Fall! See our [Fall Theme Resource Page](#) for links to items needed to make this craft.
10. **Story-telling Rocks** – This is a really fun activity and really has no rules. The [Artful Parent website](#) has some great ideas for using rocks to tell stories. The paintings don’t have to be perfect to be fun!

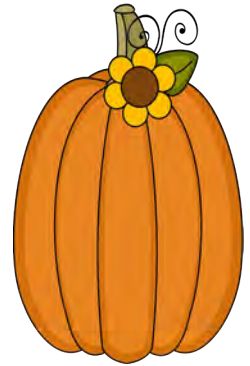
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Crafts (cont.)

11. **Finger-knit a Scarf** – Even younger children can try finger-knitting. We have a tutorial for a super easy technique using loop yarn on our [Fall Theme Resource Page](#).
12. **Make a Scarecrow** – You could make a scarecrow out of a broom and some old clothes. Put on the porch or stand in the front yard or garden area.

For a Halloween theme:

13. **Monster Pencil Toppers** – These not-so-scary monsters go on the top of pencils and are super easy to make. Simply dress up a large pom pom with googly eyes and pipe cleaners and anything else you want. Glue them to the top of a pencil.
14. **Monster Rock Painting** – Painting rock monsters is a real easy craft but could be challenging if the kids wanted to get more fancy with their art skills. This website has [some easy examples](#). Here are some [examples that are a little more involved](#).
15. **Pony Beads on Boondoggle** – Pony beads are easy for kids to work with and very forgiving if they make a mistake. Here are some fun [Halloween pony bead crafts](#). You can find basic supplies on our [Fall Theme Resource Page](#).



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Fall Leaves

Cut out leaves
and write gratitude
statements on them.
Print on white,
heavy paper.



Fall Leaves

Cut out leaves and write gratitude statements on them.
Print on white, heavy paper and color the leaves. Or, print on colored, heavy paper.

Crafts/Activities/Games

Activities

1. **Pinatas*** - Anything “fall” themed works – fill with candy or toys.
2. **Hanging Donuts or Apples** (alternative to bobbing for apples) – Tie donuts or apples to a pole or tree branch. Let them hang at an average height of the children. The kids have to try to eat the donut or apple without hands while it is hanging in midair.
3. **Harvest Your Garden** - If you grow a garden, it would be a lot of fun for the kids to help you do a harvest of veggies or perhaps pumpkins. See photos below.
4. **Decorate with Sidewalk Chalk*** – Find a neighbor, a community spot, or somewhere they would appreciate some cute pictures and inspiring messages.
5. **Make Pumpkin Bread** – There are many easy pumpkin bread recipes online. Find one and make some pumpkin bread with the kids and deliver it to a neighbor.
6. **Carve or Paint a Pumpkin** – You can carve or paint real pumpkins or the “carveable*” ones that are popular.
7. **Decorate Halloween Monster Cookies** – Get some sugar cookies (or make them) and some divided disposable plates. In each compartment of the plate, put something that the kids can use to decorate their cookies – frosting, candy eyes, sprinkles, thin licorice ropes, Red Hots, Candy corn, M&Ms, etc. Don't forget to give the kids a plastic knife to spread their frosting with. This way is a lot less messy than doing it as a whole group. Let each child decorate their own monster face cookie.
8. **Make Homemade Jam** – Making jam is a lot easier than people think. You can make some simple freezer jam from fall fruits that are really yummy! There is a section in the [Fall Theme Resource Page](#) to help you.
9. **Make Roasted Pumpkin Seeds** – What can you do with the pumpkin seeds after you carve the pumpkin? Roast them, of course! Check out Simply Recipes for helpful hints, a video tutorial, and the easy peasy recipe for [Roasted Pumpkin Seeds](#).
10. **Do a Fall Y'all Word Scramble** – We have a fun word search puzzle with words from a Farmer's Market. It just doesn't get anymore “Fall” than that! The printable word search is on Page 15
11. **Make Funnel Cakes** – We could always find funnel cakes at the state fair in the fall. Bring some of that fun home as you re-create your favorite funnel cakes in your own kitchen. Here is a [recipe from Taste of Home](#). Top with powdered sugar, jam, or honey. . .or make up your own toppings!
12. **Do a Jigsaw Puzzle** – Get a jigsaw puzzle that is appropriate for the ages of your grandchildren. Then find a large table and put on some fun music or an audio book to listen to while you put the puzzle together. You can find some of our favorite puzzles* on the [Fall Theme Resource Page](#).



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Games

1. **Build-a-Monster Game** – This game is easy and fun for little ones. We have a printable board on Page 9. [Instructions](#): Using a regular die, roll a number. Look on the board to see which monster body part you get to draw. Hopefully, you will start with a body. But if not, do your best to place, arms, legs, mouths, etc. in the correct spots. Fun and funny!
2. **Have a game night** – Playing games as a family is so much fun! Set out 4 – 5 different games that don't take more than 15-20 minutes to play. Rotate through the games and keep a traveling score card with you. Add 5 points for any game that doesn't keep an actual score. At the end of the game playing, the person with the most overall points (all the games added up) is the winner. We have some [fun family game recommendations here](#).
3. **Play Don't Eat "Pete" (Peter Pumpkin, of course)** – Have you ever played Don't Eat Pete? It's a great game for kids of any age. We have included our favorite Peter Pumpkin version on Page 23 with the instructions on how to play.
4. **Hide N Seek with Glowsticks** – This game obviously has to be played in the dark. Each child wears a glow stick around their neck and hides. The seeker tries to find the other players in the dark by looking for their glowsticks.
5. **Flashlight Tag** – This game is played just like Hide-n-seek, except when a hider is found, the seeker has to "tag" the person with their flashlight* beam and call out their name. That person then goes to "home base."
6. **Would You Rather** – This game can be played any time and any place. It's simply a question of outrageous choices. Each person answers with which they would choose. This isn't a game where score is kept and there are no winners and losers. Instead, it's a game of conversation starters. Here is a fun free [Halloween version](#) from Teachers Pay Teachers.
7. **Harvest Time Memory Game** – To make a "giant" version of this game, print out pictures that have to do with the fall/harvest season. The pictures should be about 4" – 5" inches square. Print out 2 of each picture. Tape or glue each picture to one side of a paper plate. Place all the paper plates facedown on the floor or grass. Have players try to make matches. The player with the most matches at the end of the game. . . wins!
*We've also included a small version with printable cards on Page 11. If using these cards, just print 2 of the page to make the table-top version of this game.
8. **Ghost in the Graveyard** – This night game is a favorite at our camps! See the rules on the [Fall Theme Resource Page](#). 
9. **Pumpkin Ring Toss** – Get several pumpkins of different shapes and sizes. The pumpkins must still have their stems on them. Using glowstick necklaces*, let the kids toss the "rings" (necklaces) on to the pumpkin stems. To make it more challenging, try playing in the dark.
10. **Fall Tic-Tac-Toe** – Use candy corn and candy pumpkins to play Tic-Tac-Toe.
11. **Monster Cootie Catcher** – Remember Cootie Catchers from when you were a kid? We have one with monster jokes chosen *by* grandkids especially *for* grandkids! See the printable on Page 25.

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BUILD-A-MONSTER



BODY



EYES



EARS
HORNS



MOUTH



ARMS
LEGS



OTHER



ROLL THE DICE TO DECIDE WHICH PART OF YOUR BEAST YOU WILL DRAW NEXT!

Don't Eat "Peter" Pumpkin!

















What You Need to Play:

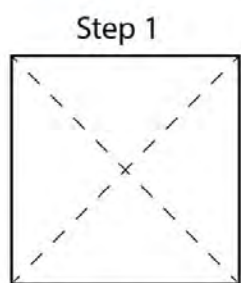
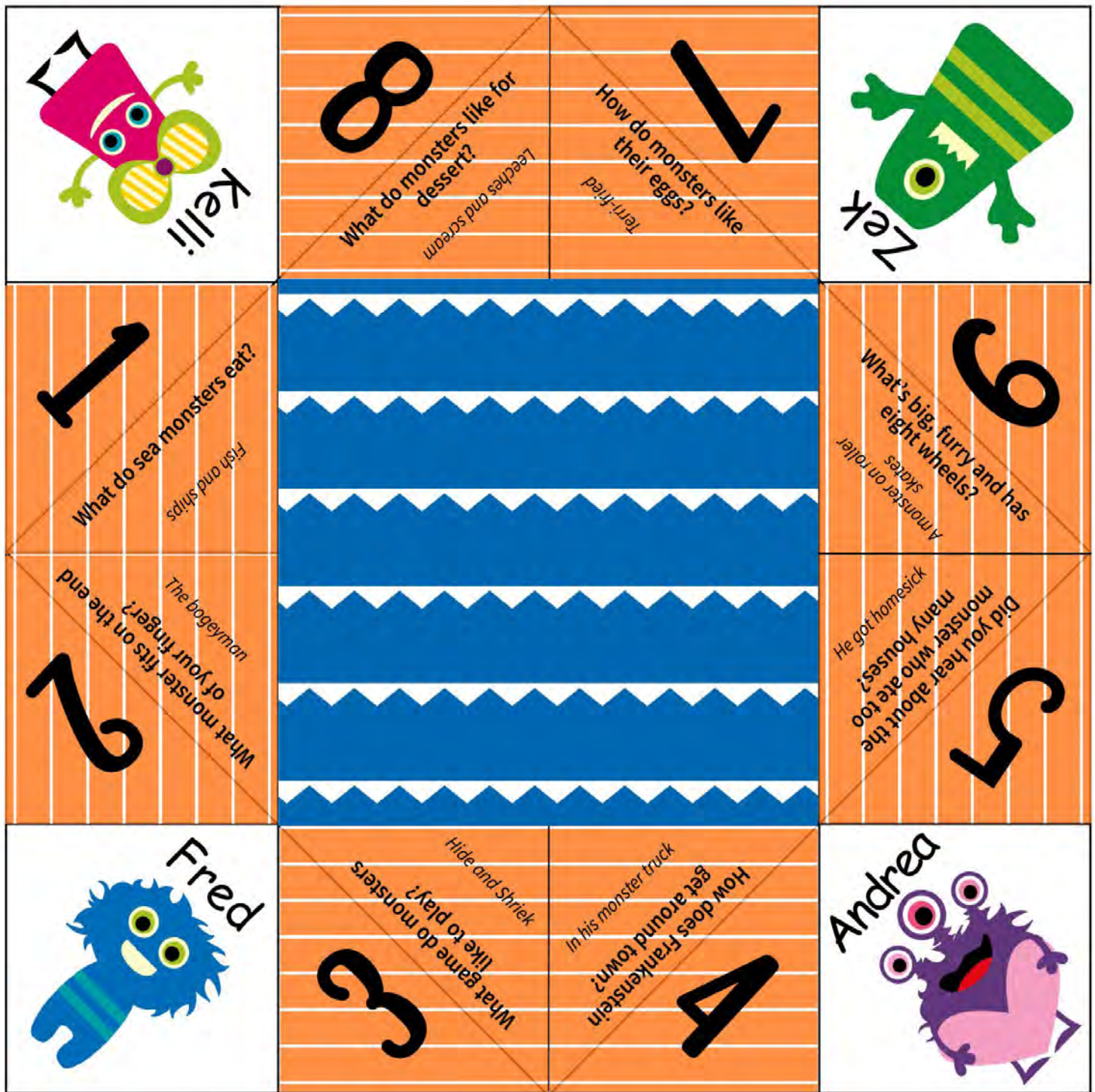
- Don't Eat Peter Pumpkin Gameboard
- Small bite-sized candies

How to Play:

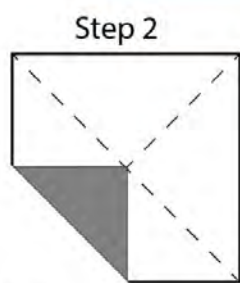
1. Put one piece of candy in each square of the gameboard.
2. Pick one person to send out of the room.
3. Choose one of the squares on the grid to be "Peter Pumpkin."
4. Bring the person back into the room but don't tell him/her which square "Peter" is on.
5. The person who is "it", picks up candy pieces one at a time. If the candy is not from the square where "Peter" is, the person is allowed to eat it. If the square is "Peter," everyone yells "DON'T EAT PETER!" and that person's turn is over.

Harvest Memory

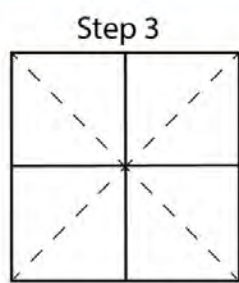


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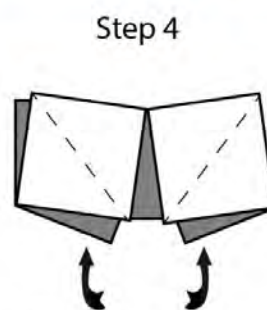


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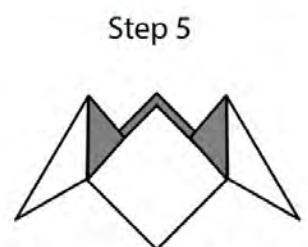
Great for Halloween time!



Flip the whole thing over and fold up the corners to the center again.



Fold in half horizontally. Hold bottom two corners and make top corners meet in middle.



Fold out flaps and insert thumbs and forefingers into open flaps.

Outings

- **Visit a Farmer's Market** – This can be a lot of fun for kids and adults! Here is a post that will give you some ideas for [what to do at a farmer's market](#). We have also included some fun activity printables on Pages 15-18.
- **Pumpkin Patch/Corn Maze** – Most areas have several options to choose from to visit a pumpkin patch or go through a corn maze.
- **Hayride** – Many pumpkin patches offer hayrides. These are especially fun when coupled with hot cocoa and a cozy blanket!
- **Petting Zoo** – Often, you can find a petting zoo in connection with a pumpkin patch or farmer's market. The kids just love the animals!
- **Food Scavenger Hunt** – In the fall, many of us begin thinking about the holidays and food donations. One way to make donating to the local food bank really fun is to have a food scavenger hunt. This really only works if you know people in your neighborhood, but it is so much fun if you feel it's safe to do so.

****Use good judgment about safety before proceeding with this activity.****

Create two teams (with an adult on each team) to go to a designated number of homes in your neighborhood. Each team should be equipped with a list of canned or non-perishable items to collect for donation. The first team to collect everything on their list, wins. Whether your team "wins" or not, it's just fun to do the hunt. . .especially with a time limit. Go together to donate the items to the food bank or local shelter.

- **Kite Flying** – So many people limit kite flying to the springtime. However, there are usually some really good winds in the fall to make kite flying even better this time of year.
- **Photo Scavenger Hunt** – Make a list of things to find during this time of year – pumpkins, fall leaves, coat or scarf, etc. Instead of just marking those things off your paper list, you are going to take pictures of what you find.
- **Fall Hike** – This hike is special because you want to go when the fall leaves are turning those beautiful fall colors in your area. Of course, you will want to wait until enough of them fall off the trees that the kids can have a great time jumping in the crunchy leaves.
- **Library Storytime** – Check with your local library to see if they do storytime. Everyone loves a good story!
- **Zoo, Museum or Aquarium FREE Days** – See if any of these places offer free admission during your camp days. It's more likely that the free admission days are on weekdays and non-holidays, but it can't hurt to check.

- **Shop for Costumes** – This makes for a fun activity for older kids. Go to a thrift shop or second-hand store. Divide the group into pairs and give each person \$10. However, each person needs to shop WITHOUT their paired-up partner. With only that amount of money, each person needs to create a costume for their partner they are paired up with. After purchasing the "costumes", have everyone dress up in the costume that was chosen for them and go out to have ice cream together. This makes for a really fun activity around Halloween. . .even for adults!!



Outings (cont.)

Some Things to Remember When Planning an Outing:

1. When planning outings for camp, remember to make sure you have all the necessities like car seats and/or enough seatbelts for everyone.
2. Make sure you have permission from the parents to be traveling around with their kiddos.
3. Always maintain a good Adult-to-Kid ratio when you're out and about. Some kids are better and have more experience about how to act in public than others. There's also the fact that we live in a bit of a scary world sometimes. You need to always have enough help to escort kids to places like public bathrooms.
4. Check to make sure the activities are age appropriate and interesting for the ages of the kids you have with you.
5. When checking online to find places in your area to go, always include your location in your search – use your city and/or your state in your search terms. Also include the age-stage of the children you have like “toddlers” or “teens.” You can also use words like “free activities” or “for less” when trying to find budget-friendly activities (maybe actually use the words “budget-friendly!” 😊)



**Remember,
Safety First!**



Farmer's Market Search

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BUTTER
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JAM
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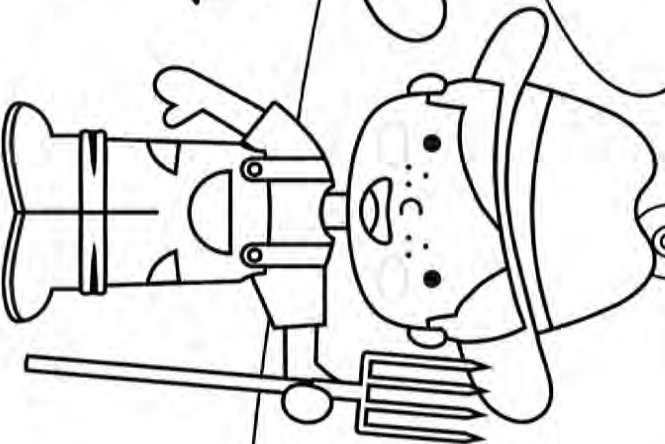
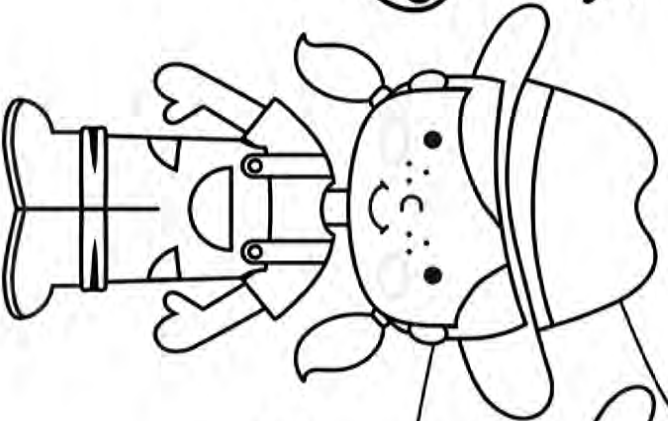
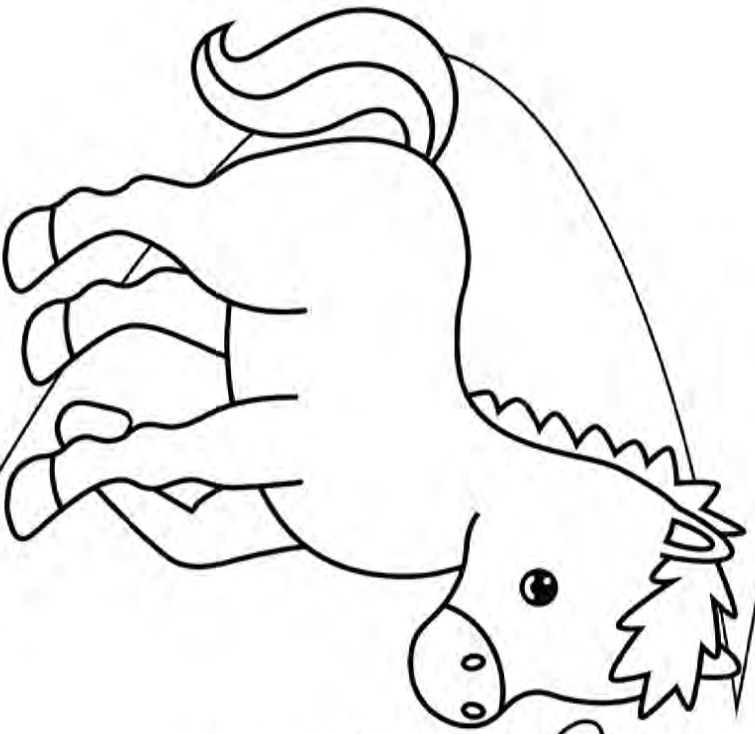
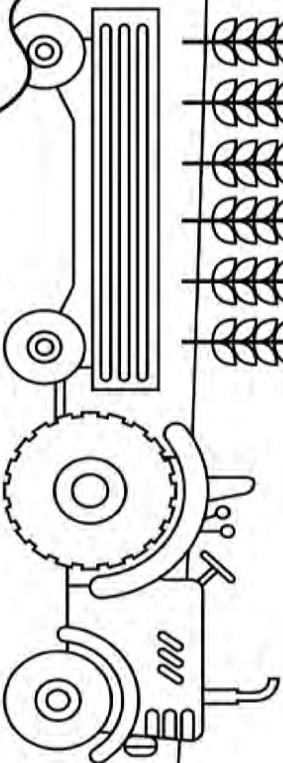
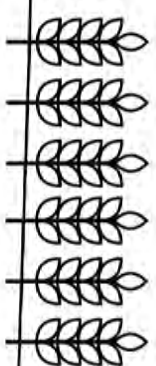
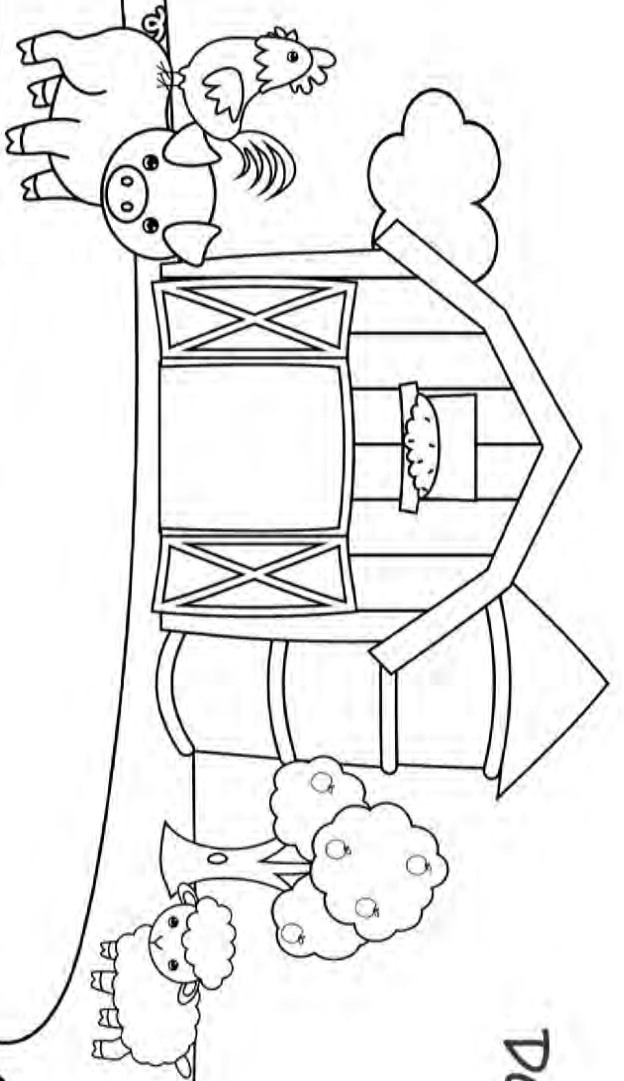
*Find each word in the puzzle - across, down, diagonal

Farmer's Market

Scavenger Hunt

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<input type="checkbox"/> something made from a plant	<input type="checkbox"/> flower 	 <input type="checkbox"/> jam	<input type="checkbox"/> something with seeds
<input type="checkbox"/> pumpkin 	find a baked good <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> food that grows on a vine	something sweet <input type="checkbox"/>
find a <input type="checkbox"/> food that grows underground	 <input type="checkbox"/> pie	<input type="checkbox"/> pear 	something hand made <input type="checkbox"/>

Down on the Farm



*What things can these farmers sell at a farmer's market?

Try a Rainbow of Flavors

Red

Strawberries
Tomatoes
Cherries
Red Peppers
Red Potatoes
Radishes
Apples
Raspberries
Watermelon
Pomegranates

Orange

Oranges
Pumpkin
Carrots
Yams
Peaches
Apricots
Nectarines
Cantelope

Yellow

Corn
Yukon Potatoes
Yellow Peppers
Summer Squash
Bananas
Apricots
Apples
Pears
Lemons
Pineapple

Green

Broccoli
Lettuce
Green Peppers
Peas
Cucumbers
Green beans
Avocado
Asparagus
Kale
Kiwi
Herbs

Purple

Beets
Eggplant
Blueberries
Grapes
Onions

See if you can find some of these things to try at the Farmer's Market. Depending on the time of year and where you live, you may see different items. Cross them off the list once you have tried them. Go ahead and try a few that you have never had before!

Did you notice that some of the same foods come in DIFFERENT colors??

Snacks/Desserts

Snacks /Desserts:

- **Creamy Caramel Apple Dip** – Mix together until smooth:
8 oz. cream cheese (softened)
¾ C. brown sugar
½ C. sugar
1 tsp. vanilla.
- **Carmel Apple Bar** – Slice apples w/apple slicer and put on kabob skewers. (I cut my skewers sticks in half – easier for little hands to hold.) Dip the apple slices in melted caramel or chocolate and then in chocolate chips, candies, or whatever you like.
- **Easy Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cookies** –
1 box of **spice cake mix**
1 – 15 oz. can **pumpkin puree**
1 C. **chocolate chips.**
Mix all ingredients together and place spoonfuls onto a cookie sheet. Bake at 350° for 8 – 10 minutes. Easy Peasy!
- **Muddy Buddies** – See [recipe here at Chex.com](#). This is a family favorite all year.
- **Homemade Caramels** – See recipe on Page 14. These make great gifts and is really easy to make with kids.
- **Peanut Butter & Honey Oat Bars** – See recipe on Page 14. Easy Peasy!
- **Colored Popcorn** – In a pot, put 1 Lg. box of Jello (whatever flavor you want), 1 C. sugar, and ½ C. water. Boil until “thread” stage (230° - 235°). Immediately pour over popcorn (about 8 cups popped) and mix well.
- **Harvest Chex Mix** – This is another [easy Chex mix recipe](#) suited for fall.
- **Apple Dumplings** – This is one of our family’s favorites. Who can go wrong with a [Pioneer Woman recipe](#)? (Although, we use Sprite or 7-up since we’re not Mt.Dew fans.)
- **Peach Dump Cake** – Put 2 cans of peach pie filling in the bottom of a greased 9x13 pan. Cover with a yellow cake mix (dry). Melt ½ C. of butter and pour on top of cake mix. Spread chopped almonds or pecans on top. Bake for 30-40 minutes on 325°.
- **Applesauce Cookies** – Here’s another of our Pioneer Woman favorites!! These are soooo yummy! Get the [recipe here](#).
- **Zucchini Brownies** – If you’ve never made zucchini brownies, start now! This is a beautiful way to sneak in a veggie on the kids and they’ll LOVE it. . .and best of all, they’ll never know! Here’s the [recipe from iambaker.com](#).
- **Oranges w/Jack-o-lantern faces** – Draw Jack-o-lantern faces on mandarin oranges w/Sharpie pen. OR better yet, have the kids draw their own for a craft.

See photo on
Page 15

Snacks/Dessert Recipes

Peanut Butter and Honey Oat Bars

Ingredients:

- 1 C. Peanut butter
- 3 C. Oats
- ½ C. Honey

Directions:

1. Heat and stir peanut butter and honey together in a small saucepan until smooth.
2. Take off heat and mix in oats until well combined.
3. Press mixture into a 9x9 glass pan lined with parchment paper or foil.
4. Chill until firm. These do not have to stay in the refrigerator, but they get a bit too soft when left out.

Makes 16 – 20 bars

Homemade Caramels

Ingredients:

- 1 can Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 1 C. Caro syrup
- 2 C. Brown sugar
- 1 C. Butter

Directions:

1. Mix all ingredients together over medium heat, stirring constantly.
2. Cook and stir for 12 minutes after the first bubble appears. (Cook to about 240° - 250°.)
3. Pour into a well-buttered 9x13 pan. Let cool.
4. After the caramel is cooled, remove the sheet of caramel from the pan and cut the sheet lengthwise into about 1" thick strips. Then cut the long strips into 2" – 3" lengths.
5. Wrap the strips in wax paper twisting both ends of paper to close.

Makes about 4 dozen caramels

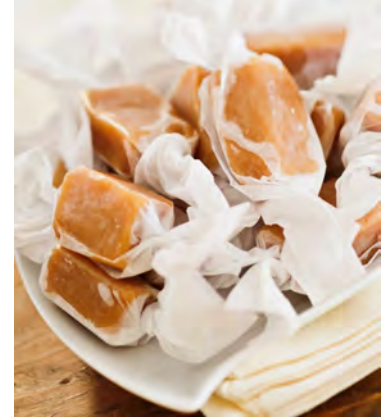
Snack/Dessert Photos



Peanut Butter &
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Colored Popcorn



Homemade Caramels



Creamy Caramel
Apple Dip



Caramel Apple Bar



Pumpkin Cookies



Peach Dump Cake




Jack-o-lantern
Oranges

Music

If you want to incorporate some music into your camp, here are some suggestions for a few fun Fall-ish tunes. Make up actions to go with the songs!

If You're A Monster

If you're a monster and you know it, wave your arms,
If you're a monster and you know it, wave your arms,
If you're a monster and you know it, 
And you really want to show it,
If you're a monster and you know it, wave your arms

If you're a monster and you know it, show your fangs...
If you're a monster and you know it, stomp your feet...
If you're a monster and you know it, show your claws...
If you're a monster and you know it, growl out loud...

This song is to the tune of
"If You're Happy and You Know It."

Leaves Are Falling All Around

Leaves are falling all around, all around, all around.
Leaves are falling all around, all around the town.

The wind will blow them all around, all around, all around.
The wind will blow them all around, all around the town.

Drifting gently to the ground, to the ground, to the ground.
Drifting gently to the ground, all around the town.

Take a rake and rake them up, rake them up, rake them up.
Take a rake and rake them up, all around the town.

This song is to the tune of
"London Bridge is Falling Down."

*Fall Colors

Orange, yellow, red and brown, red and brown
Orange, yellow, red and brown, red and brown
And autumn leaves are twirling all around
Orange, yellow, red and brown, red and brown

Orange, yellow, red and brown, red and brown
Orange, yellow, red and brown, red and brown
And autumn leaves are dancing in the breeze
Orange, yellow, red and brown, red and brown

Orange, yellow, red and brown, red and brown
Orange, yellow, red and brown, red and brown
And autumn leaves are falling to the ground
Orange, yellow, red and brown, red and brown

This song is to the tune of
"Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes."

Scarecrow, Scarecrow

Scarecrow, scarecrow turn around.
Scarecrow, scarecrow touch the ground.
Scarecrow, scarecrow reach up high.
Scarecrow, scarecrow touch the sky.
Scarecrow, scarecrow bend down low.
Scarecrow, scarecrow touch your toes.

Sing through this 4 or 5 times, getting faster each time.

This song is to the tune of
"Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."



*Farmer Brown Had 5 Green Apples

Farmer Brown had 5 green apples hanging in the tree.
Farmer Brown had 5 green apples hanging in the tree.
Then he plucked one apple and ate it greedily.

Now, Farmer Brown had 4 green apples hanging in the tree.

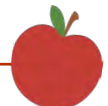
Now, Farmer Brown had 3 green apples hanging in the tree.

Now, Farmer Brown had 2 green apples hanging in the tree.

Now, Farmer Brown had 1 green apples hanging in the tree.

Now, Farmer Brown has no green apples hanging in the tree. (End after just singing this line once.)

**Click the title to be taken to a music video of the song.*



Bonus:

This is a kid's rap version of
***Five Red Apples**. It's quite
catchy and fun!

Devotional & Game

The Joy of Serving

Outline:

- Read the book & quote – *The Giving Tree*, by Shel Silverstein
OR Read the Story (Pg. 34) *David's Helping Hands* (best for small children)
- Do Object Lesson and Devotional
- Play Service Bingo

Preparation:

- For the story, *David's Helping Hands* – get 5 red apples (or print and cut out the apples on the bottom of Page 34.) You can use the apples as a prop for the story or just eat them as a treat during the story if you have real ones.
- Get pieces of wrapped candy for everyone.
- Print and cut out Service Bingo cards on Page 35 – one for each child.

Read Book & Quote:

- Book: *The Giving Tree*, by Shel Silverstein OR Story for Little Ones: *David's Helping Hands*
- Quote: “Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.” ~Helen Keller

Object Lesson: Helping Hands

- Set a piece of the wrapped candy in front of each child.
- Tell them that they can eat their candy, but they cannot use their hands to unwrap or eat **their** candy.
- Observe what happens. Depending on their age, the kids may or may not pick up on the word “their.” You can emphasize the word “their” if the kids haven’t caught on. Hopefully, at some point they will realize that each person can eat their candy if someone else helps them do it.

Devotional Time: (Talk about the following points)

- Serving others helps us take our minds off our own troubles.
- Serving can bring us joy – like in the book, *The Giving Tree*
- There is a sense of pride and self-worth that comes with serving others.
- It’s important for kids to help and serve in their family and have responsibilities.
- We often come to love others more when we serve them or serve with them. This is important in families.
- When kids serve, they can learn traits such as responsibility, leadership, critical thinking, problem-solving, self-respect, self-discipline, self-motivation, tolerance and charity.
- Children who volunteer tend to become adults who volunteer.

Game: Service Bingo

- Give each child a Bingo card – Page 35. Have them see how many things they can do and cross off in a set amount of time. The goal is to make service something fun!

Devotional & Game

Story for Little Ones:

David had two helping hands. He was busy drawing a picture of Baby. Grandma was busy making pies for supper. Mama was busy getting the mild ready for Baby's bottles. Grandpa was busy with his broom, sweeping the leaves from the sidewalk. Everybody was busy, busy with their hands.

Then David finished his picture. "What can I do now?" he asked.

"My, oh my!" said Grandma. "I'm sure there's plenty around here for a pair of helping hands to do. I need a little help myself. There is a little pumpkin outside by the door. Will you please bring it to me?"

David carefully picked up the pumpkin in his hands and brought it in to Grandma. He saw Grandpa sweeping the leaves from the sidewalk. He scooped up the leaves with his hands and put them into the basket.

"Oops!" Daddy dropped his hammer. David ran over and handed it to Daddy so Daddy wouldn't have to get down from the ladder for it. Mama couldn't find Baby's bottle. She called David. And David looked and looked for it. He found it in the bed.

"My, oh my!" said Grandma. "David's little hands have been very busy hands. His little hands have surely been a big help around here. I think David deserves a treat. As a matter of fact, I think we all deserve a treat. David will you please go to the basement and get us each a big, red apple?"

"OK," said David.

"Can you count out five, big, red apples?" asked Grandma. David was not quite sure.

"Hold up your hand," said Grandma, "and I'll show you how many are five."

David held up his hand, and Grandma counted the fingers, "One, two, three, four, five. Five fingers on David's hand. Can you bring five apples? That will be one for each of us: one for Grandpa, one for Grandma, one for Daddy, one for Mama, and one for David."

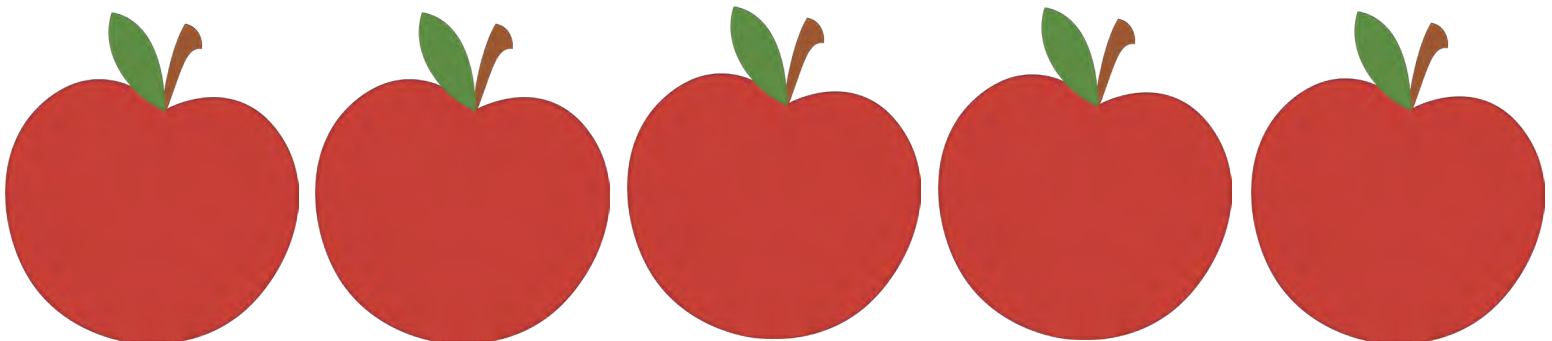
David took the pan Grandma gave him, and away he went down into the basement.

Grandma looked at Mama; Mama looked at Grandma. Could he do it? Would he bring five apples?

Soon David came up with the pan of apples. He gave one apple to Grandma and one to Mama. He went outside and gave one apple to Grandpa and one to Daddy. And, yes sir! He had one apple left for David.

David's busy hands had been busy helping Grandma, Grandpa, Daddy and Mama. And they had even helped David to know how many apples to bring.

♥ Do the actions as the story indicates or have the children hold up their hands each time the story says the word "hand" or "hands."



Instructions: Print on heavy paper and cut out Bingo cards for each child.

 **Service Bingo** 

Make someone's bed	Read to a younger sibling	Put something away that's not yours
Hug someone	Write a  Thank You note	Water plants or pull some weeds
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Happy Fall Y'all Weekend Grandma Camp Extras

The following pages have all the extras you need to add a little fun to your fall with a weekend Grandma Camp!

Choose a long school break or just a regular weekend to host the grandkids for some fun at Grandma's house.

We put together these extras for you to create a special weekend just for you and the grandkids.

We have printables for everything from invitations to packing lists to a 2-day meal plan. It's everything you need to create a couple of days of fall fun memories with the grandkids.



Décor Ideas

Décor Ideas: *Items with an * can be found on our [Fall Theme Resource Page](#).*

General Décor

- **Fall Leaves** – You can buy fake fall leaves* at a discount store or your local dollar store.
- **Garland** – Use leaves or pinecones to make fun strings of décor.
- **Gratitude Tree*** – Put up a large paper tree trunk on the wall. Add leaves and let the children write things on the leaves that they are thankful for. (See printables on pages 9 & 10)
- **Fall Luminaries** – Using tissue paper leaves and ModPodge, glue the leaves on the side of a clear Mason jar*. Put a tea light inside the jar. [See this photo for example](#).
- **Straw/Hay Bale** – These look very festive outside on a porch or in an entryway.
- **Wooden Sign*** – “Apples 5¢” **OR** “Pumpkins for Sale” **OR** “Free Hayrides.”
- **Wheelbarrow** – Fill with pumpkins and park it on the porch or in the front yard.
- **Small Painted Pumpkins** – Paint small, ornamental pumpkins with fun fall-colored acrylic paints*. Paint them plain or fancy them up. Check out some of these great designs from [Hative.com](#).
- **Fall Glass Candle Holder** – Put a candle into a glass holder. Make sure there is about ½” of space between the candle and the glass. Fill that space with un-popped popcorn, candy corn, fall-colored candy, etc. Add a ribbon around the outside if wanted. You can see a couple of examples at [Jacarandaliving.com](#) and [Homedit.com](#).
- **Baskets*** – Fill with apples, small gourds, plastic cobs of corn, leaves, ornamental pumpkins, etc.
- **Sunflowers & Cornstalks** – Sunflowers and cornstalks give a very fall feel to any décor.
- **No-Sew Garland** – Cut a length of twine 2’ – 3’ long (or longer if you want). Cut 1 ½” strips of fall-colored fabrics each about 10” long. Fold the strips in half and wrap or tie them around the twine*. [Here is a simple tutorial from HGTV.com](#).

For a Halloween theme:

- **Balloon Ghosts** – Blow up large white balloons* attach white streamers* hanging from the bottom of the balloons. Here’s one example from [DesignImprovise.com](#).
- **Halloween Garland** – See [this super cute example at Growing Up Gabel](#).
- **Monster Eyeballs** – Use a white paper plate as the “white” of the eye. Use a smaller colored circle for the middle of the eye. Then use a smaller black circle for the center of the eye. Layer all the circles to create a large monster eye. See photo next page.
- **Mummy Door** – Add layers of toilet paper across the front of the door and add spooky eyes*. [You can look at this example](#).
- **Halloween-themed Tablecloth** – Add sets of eyeballs all over a white tablecloth. Draw or glue them on.
- **Glass Lantern** – Fill a glass lantern or vase* with small plastic skulls*. See photo next page.



Food/Table Ideas:

- **Candy Corn** – You can use candy corn in just about anything to give your décor a fall feeling – fill containers, spread on a table (like confetti), in baked goods, etc.
- **Cornucopia** – Use ice cream sugar cones or waffle cones filled with fall-colored candies.
- **Pumpkin Bowl** – Slice a large pumpkin in half horizontally, then hollow it out. Place a regular bowl inside the hollowed-out pumpkin. Fill with ice and sodas.

Invitations

Invitation Instructions:

There are 2 invitations per sheet. Simply copy the invitations onto heavy white paper or cardstock*. Cut the sheets in half and fill in the information as desired. Write in any details you think you would like to have.

There are spaces for the date and time. Beyond that, the details will be up to you. Here are a couple of examples:



Décor Photos:



Monster Eye



Plastic Skulls in Vase

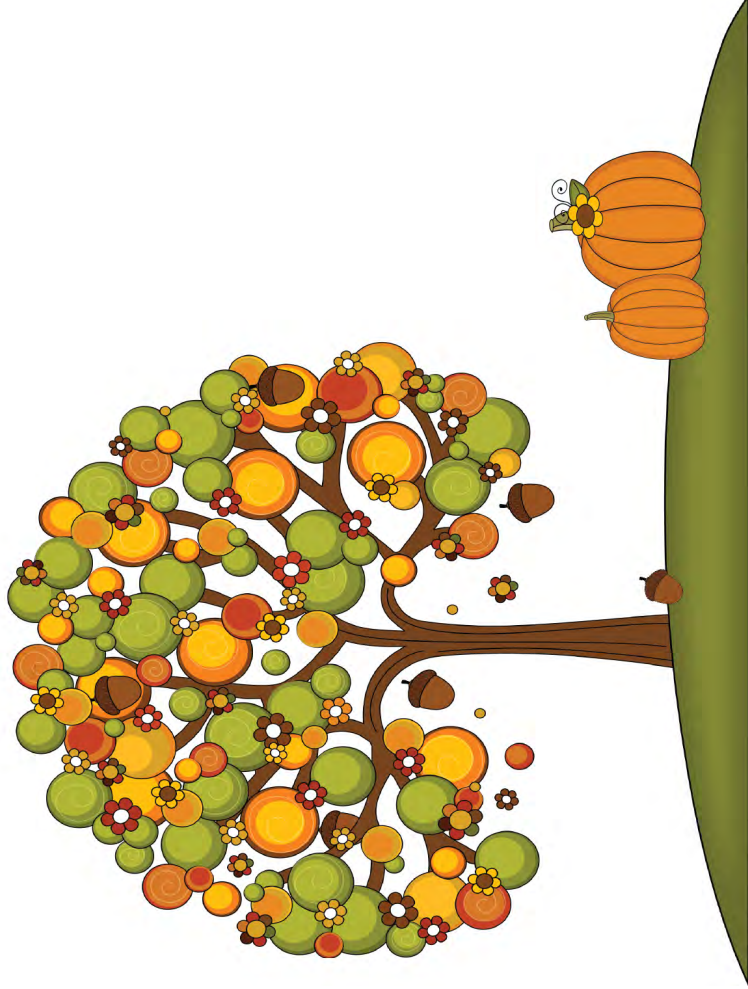


Come One,
Come All...

It's **FALL** y'all!

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Time _____

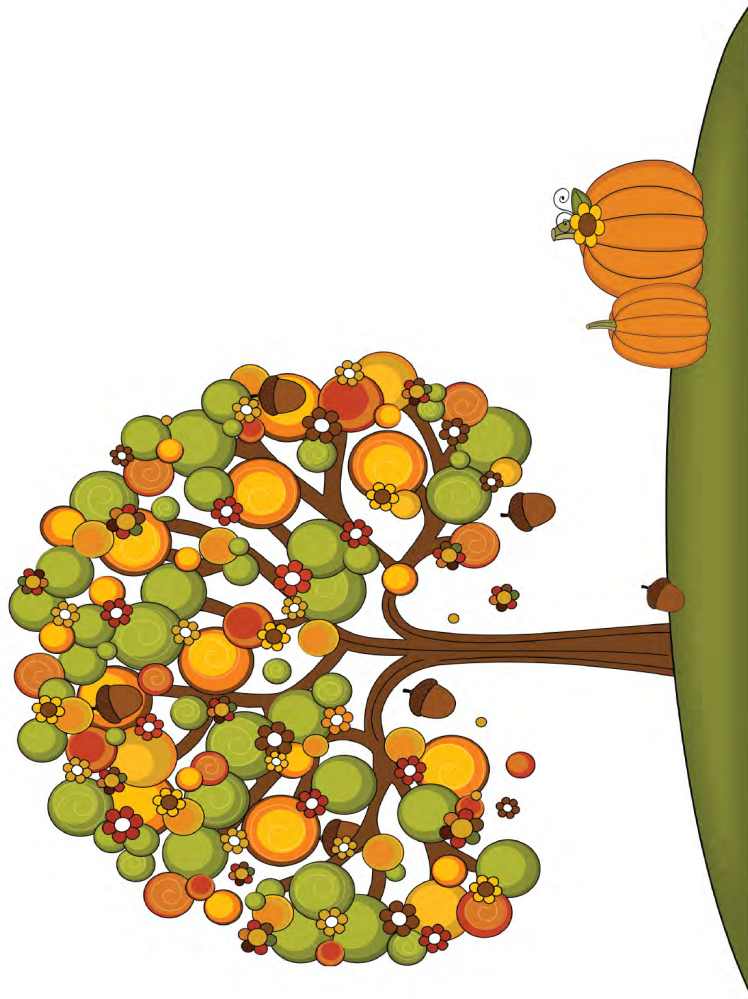


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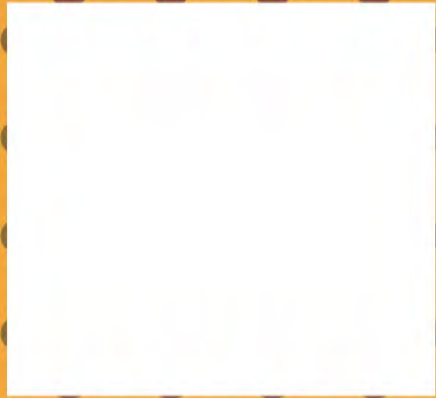
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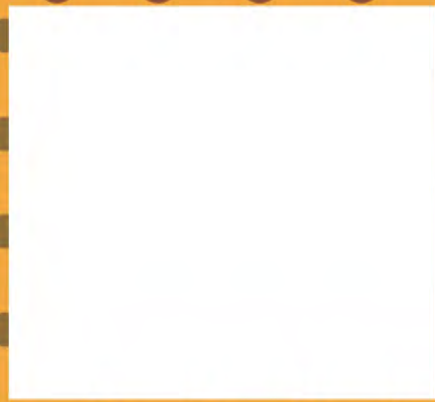
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Packing List Instructions

Packing List: Happy Fall Y'all

Instructions for Printing: Print on white paper, trim edges to cut off white space, and cut in half. Printable packing lists are on the following 2 pages.

Cut in half here

Packing List for Grandma Camp

*SEE IF YOU CAN FIND ALL THESE THINGS TO BRING TO GRANDMA CAMP.

- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow
- PJs
- Toothbrush
- Favorite Stuffed Animal
- Change of Clothes
- Smile & Good Attitude



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Pillow

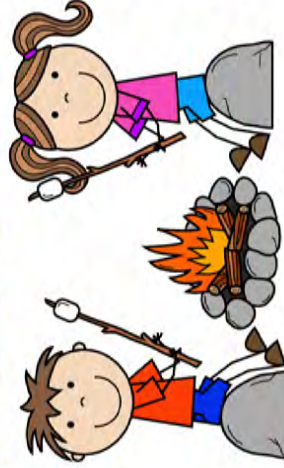
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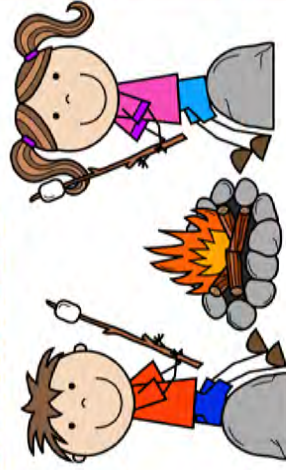
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2-Day Meal Plan

Mix and match these meals to your grandkids' preferences. (♥ Recipes on pages 11 & 12.)

Day 1

Day 2

Breakfast

- Pumpkin pancakes
- [Cinnamon apples](#)
- Bacon

- Orange Rolls w/cream cheese frosting (from Rhodes)
- Scrambled eggs w/cheese
- Grapes & bananas on skewers

Lunch

- Homemade Chicken Nuggets ♥
- Mac-n-cheese
- [Maple-roasted Carrots](#)

- Easy Chicken Sliders ♥
- [Veggie Tots](#)
- String Cheese w/pumpkin face

Dinner

- Dinner in a Pumpkin ♥
- Dinner rolls
- Peaches & cottage cheese

- Quick & Easy Autumn Soup ♥
- Easy Pumpkin muffins ♥

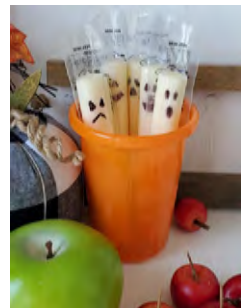
Day 1 - Details

- **Pumpkin Pancakes** – Use your favorite pumpkin pancake recipe. When pouring the batter, use a spoon to swirl the batter to form a pumpkin stem. Immediately when the pancakes come off the griddle, let the children place chocolate chips to make a jack-o-lantern face.
- **Cinnamon Apples** – Click the link to see the recipe from [Juliasalbum.com](#).
- **Homemade Chicken Nuggets** – This is a super simple recipe that you know is healthy for the kids. You can also experiment with different kinds.
- **Maple-roasted Carrots** – If you want the kids to eat their veggies, this is a GREAT recipe to try!
- **Dinner in a Pumpkin** – This one is a crowd-pleaser. If you serve this in bread bowls, you can skip the dinner rolls.



Day 2 - Details

- **Grapes & bananas on Skewers** – For some reason, food is just more fun to eat on a stick!
- **Easy Chicken Sliders** – These sliders are kid-tested and approved.
- **Veggie Tots** – These are super yummy! Click the link to see 4 different ways to make these!
- **String cheese w/ghostly faces** – Easy to create or let the kids create.
- **Quick & Easy Autumn Soup** – This soup is great for cool fall weather. Tastes warm and yummy!
- **Easy Pumpkin Muffins** – These muffins only have 4 ingredients and go together quick. If you add the chocolate chips, they could double as dessert!



2-Day Meal Plan Recipes

Easy Homemade Chicken Nuggets

Ingredients:

- 5 Boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1 ½” - 2” pieces
- 1 Packet of Shake-n-Bake Coating Mix (We like the Ranch flavor!)

Directions:

1. Rinse chicken pieces and lightly pat dry – leave some moisture for the coating to stick.
2. Put on foil covered baking sheet and bake at 400° for 10 – 15 minutes or until cooked through.
3. Serve with BBQ or Ranch sauce.

Makes 4 – 6 servings



Dinner in a Pumpkin

Ingredients:

- 1 sm to med Pumpkin
- 2 Tbsp. brown sugar
- 1 onion (chopped)
- 1 - 4-oz. can of sliced mushrooms
- 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1 – can Cream of Chicken Soup
- 1 ½ lbs. ground beef
- 1 ½ C. cooked rice
- 2 Tbsp. soy sauce
- Sliced almonds

Directions:

1. Heat oven to 350°. Saute onions in oil, add meat and brown.
2. Next, add soy sauce, brown sugar, mushrooms and soup. Simmer 10 minutes.
3. Add cooked rice and almonds.
4. Fill pumpkin. Bake for 1 hour.

Makes 6 – 8 servings



2-Day Meal Plan Recipes

Chicken Sliders

Ingredients:

- 1 – 12 oz. can Chunk Chicken, drained
- 1 stalks of celery (diced)
- ½ C. dried cranberries
- 1 ¼ C. pecans or walnuts (toasted & chopped) – optional
- ¼ C. Mayonnaise
- 2 Tbsp. Honey
- Salt & pepper (to taste)
- Slider buns
- Lettuce

Directions:

1. Combine chicken, celery, cranberries, and nuts.
2. Whisk together mayonnaise, honey, salt and pepper.
3. Add to chicken mixture, combining gently.
4. Chill at least 1 hour.
5. Line the bottom of the buns with lettuce and top with salad & other half of bun.

Makes about 24 sliders



Quick & Easy Autumn Soup

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 3 C. water
- 1 – 16 oz. can stewed tomatoes
- 1 C. uncooked macaroni noodles
- 1 pkg. country vegetable soup dry mix (Bear Creek Vegetable Beef* is my favorite)
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- 1 Tbsp. sugar

Directions:

1. Brown ground beef in soup pan, drain off grease.
2. Add all other ingredients and boil (covered) gently until macaroni is cooked and tender.

Makes 4 – 6 servings



Super Easy Pumpkin Muffins

Ingredients:

- 1 box spice cake mix
- 1 C. mini chocolate chips
- 1 can pumpkin puree

Directions:

1. Mix spice cake and pumpkin in a bowl with electric mixer until smooth.
2. Gently stir chocolate chips into batter & scoop into prepared muffin cups.
3. Bake at 325° for about 15 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.

Makes about 12 muffins.



Welcome Water Bottle

A fun idea is to kick off your camp with a themed water bottle. It helps establish the theme and gives the kids a water bottle that they can put their name on and have for the duration of camp.

*Draw a Jack-o-lantern face on the front of the bottle. Then tie a packet of orange drink mix to the neck of the bottle. When the children pour the orange drink mix into the bottle, it will look like a fun Jack-o-lantern!



Going Home Treat

Send the kids home with a little something to remember camp and continue the fun at home.

Instructions:

1. Print the bag toppers on white cardstock or other thick paper.
2. Cut each topper out individually.
3. Fill the bags with the following:
 - Small can of play dough (store-bought or homemade)
 - Pom poms (various sizes)
 - Googly eyes
 - Pipe cleaners
 - Anything else you think would make good monster parts
4. After filling the bags, put the bag toppers on over the top of the bag and staple to the bag. (Printable included on Page 37.)



Instructions for Bag Toppers:
Print on white heavy paper (like cardstock). Cut apart on black lines and fold in half lengthwise. Fill a snack-size zip bag and staple this topper over the zipper end of the bag.

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Happy

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Theme Packet



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