

*Fall Fun*  
*October 2011*

*Dear Folks at Home,*

*Our next unit will be focusing on "Fall Fun." Some of the activities for this unit will be apple tasting and describing, Harvest Party, and a nature walk to collect leaves. Please be sure to take a minute to look over the posted lesson plan so that you can ask specific questions about your child's day!*

*The dramatic play area has been turned into an apple orchard and farmer's market. We have large wooden apple trees that children are able to pick apples from. Take a peak in the room and see all of the pretend and real produce; it will be a lot of fun!*

*We will be focusing on the following Bible stories for this unit: David and Jonathan (I Samuel 18-20) and Naaman is healed*

- David and Jonathan were blessed by their friendship with one another. While at school, at home and in social settings preschool aged children are learning about friendships and how to get along in a group setting. Please continue to support your child while learning how to get along, share and make friends. God provides us with friends for fun and support!!*
- Our first Jesus time will focus on the healing of Naaman as found in II Kings 5:1-15. God used a child filled with faith, to bring a message of hope and healing to Naaman who did not trust in God. Naaman was healed by the power of God and his response was to believe that the Lord God was his healer!*

*Free-Choice Centers:*

- Science Center: Explore the parts of an apple and leaf rubbings*
- Sensory Centers: plant potatoes and carrots in the sand, wash potatoes in the water table, hammer tees into a pumpkin, and season's science box and fall flannelgraph*
- Religion Center: David and Jonathan and Naaman*
- Art Table: Apple poem prints and marble painting on colorful apples*
- Easel: Make Fall tree with tissue paper or paint rings and black fun foam on orange pumpkin*
- Letter of the Week: Ee and Ff*
- Shape of the Week: leaf and pumpkin*
- Color of the Week: yellow and orange*

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."*

*Galatians 5:22-23a.*

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*Fingerplays and Songs:*

**"Apple Tree"**

*Way up high in an apple tree (stretch arm up high)  
Two little apples smiled at me (hold up two fingers and smile)  
I shook that tree as hard as I could (make shaking motion)  
Down came the apples (make downward motion)  
Mmmmmmm were they good! (smile and rub stomach)*

**"Ten Red Apples"**

*Ten red apples hang on a tree (put up ten fingers)  
Five for you (show five fingers and point to a friend)  
and five for me (show the other five fingers and point to yourself)  
Let us shake the tree just so (shake your arms and body)  
and then the red apples will fall below (move fingers and touch them to the ground)  
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10! (count your ten fingers)*

**"Little Leaves"**

*(tune: "London Bridge is Falling Down")*

*Little leaves come falling down,  
falling down, falling down.  
Little leaves come falling down,  
In the Fall!*

*Praise the Lord for all the trees,  
all the trees, all the trees.  
Praise the Lord for all the trees,  
in the Fall!*

**Dates to Remember:**

- *Harvest Parties/Wear Orange (Cooking Applesauce)  
Class 7-Thursdays, October 27  
Class 6-Monday, October 31*
- *Chapel  
Class 6-Wednesday, November 2  
Class 7-Thursdays, November 3*
- *Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Monday, November 21-Wednesday, November 23  
(Please watch for sign-up sheet on sign in/out cart. Please call to set up a time if you do not regularly drop off or pick up your child(ren). Thank you!)*
- *Thanksgiving Break-Thursdays, November 24 and Friday, November 25*

*God's blessings,*

*Marla Guenther*