

## Signs of Seasons

Take the children on a nature walk in the yard or to a nearby park. Look for signs of a new season. Here are some things to look for in spring, summer, fall, and winter:



### Spring

- Buds on trees or bushes
- Snow melting
- Birds building nests
- Robins looking for worms to eat
- Spring bulbs poking up
- Frog eggs in pond water

### Summer

- Warmer weather
- Green grass
- Lots of flowers blooming
- Lots of birds
- Fruits and vegetables are in gardens
- Rainbows can be seen during rain showers

### Fall

- Leaves change color
- Leaves fall from trees
- Cooler weather
- Acorns and pinecones on ground
- Squirrels gathering seeds and nuts
- Some birds migrate south

### Winter

- Cold weather
- Snowy days
- Icicles
- Some animals hibernate
- Plants outdoors wilt and turn brown
- Shorter days

## What Am I?

### What you need:

- Picture of an animal, person, or object from a magazine
- Ruler, pencil, scissors
- Folder or large envelope

### What to do:

- Cut the picture into one-inch strips.
- Place the strips in the folder or envelope.
- A child can take out one strip at a time and try to guess what the picture is.
- When he thinks he has guessed it, he can put the strips together like a puzzle to see if he is right.

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## Life Cycle (Metamorphosis) of Frogs

If you have a source for frog's eggs, get some and place them in an aquarium filled with water from where you found the eggs. You might want to add some stones to make the habitat more natural. The children can check every day to see if there are changes in the eggs. Eventually the eggs will change into tadpoles. What excitement as the children watch this process!

Once the tadpoles emerge, take them back to the place you found the eggs, so they can safely continue their process of becoming frogs.

If you do not have a source to obtain some frog's eggs, use photos of the stages instead. Teach the children about all the stages of the life cycle (metamorphosis) of a frog. Teach them to say metamorphosis. It's a big, impressive word! Talk about what they saw in the aquarium or pictures. You might even have some toy frogs, so the children can see the final stage in the life cycle of the frog. Ask the children about changes they saw. Have them make drawings of what they saw.

## Frog Drawings

### What you need:

- White drawing paper
- Markers, crayons, pencils

### What to do:

- Give each child a sheet of white drawing paper
- Have the children draw a frog's egg, a tadpole, and a frog
- Have each child tell you the stages of the frog life cycle and write their comments on their drawing.

## Five Little Speckled Frogs

*The children can pretend they are frogs while chanting this poem. They can have fun doing exaggerated motions and pretending to jump into the pool with great splashes.*

Five little speckled frogs sat on a speckled log  
Eating some most delicious bugs. Yum! Yum!  
One jumped into the pool, where it was nice and cool.  
Then there were four green speckled frogs.

Four little speckled frogs sat on a speckled log  
Eating some most delicious bugs. Yum! Yum!  
One jumped into the pool, where it was nice and cool.  
Then there were three green speckled frogs.

Three little speckled frogs sat on a speckled log  
Eating some most delicious bugs. Yum! Yum!  
One jumped into the pool, where it was nice and cool.  
Then there were two green speckled frogs.

Two little speckled frogs sat on a speckled log  
Eating some most delicious bugs. Yum! Yum!  
One jumped into the pool, where it was nice and cool.  
Then there was one green speckled frog.

One little speckled frog sat on a speckled log  
Eating some most delicious bugs. Yum! Yum!  
She jumped into the pool, where it was nice and cool.  
Then there were no green speckled frogs!!!

**(Where are the frogs? They're all in the pool!)**



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