

# ACTIVITIES

## HANDPRINT PUMPKIN PATCH

*You will need:*

Orange Tempera Paint

Green Tempera Paint

Paper

2 Sponges

Soap and water

Willingness to have fun

Use a sponge to cover the palm of a hand with orange tempera paint. Press palm onto paper.

Repeat until you have the desired number of “pumpkins” on the paper. (It’s okay if they overlap) Pour green tempera paint onto the second sponge. Press index finger into sponge to cover it with paint. Use index finger to make green stems and leaves on the pumpkins. Use the soap and water to clean up hands and sponges. The most important thing to remember is to have fun while making your pumpkin patch. If it doesn’t turn out perfect — oh well, it’s the process, not the product, that matters.

## A FALL TREE FOR YOU!

Place your hand on a paper and trace it all the way up to your elbow. With markers or crayons, color the inside of your outline. This will be your tree. Grab the glue and some pretty fall leaves. Decorate your fall tree’s branches and the bottom of the tree as well.



## FIVE LITTLE SQUIRRELS FINGERPLAY

*Five little squirrels sitting in a tree.*

*The first one said,  
“It’s getting cold for me.”*

*The second one said,  
“The leaves are falling to the ground.”*

*The third one said,  
“Let’s get busy—there’s nuts to be found.”*

*The fourth one said,  
“We’d better not wait.”*

*The fifth one said,  
“Fall is really great!”*

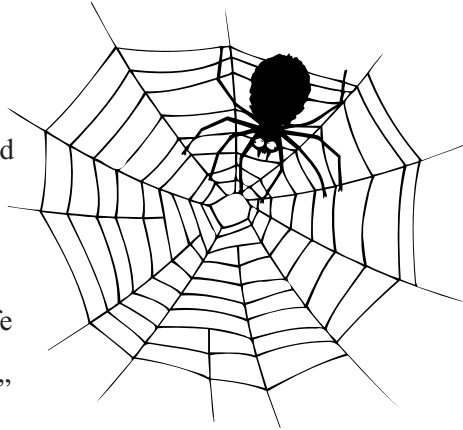
(Hold up five fingers during the first line. For the following lines hold up the correct number of fingers to correspond with the squirrel’s number.) Follow up this activity by going on a nut scavenger hunt.

## SPIDER CRACKERS (ART YOU CAN EAT!)

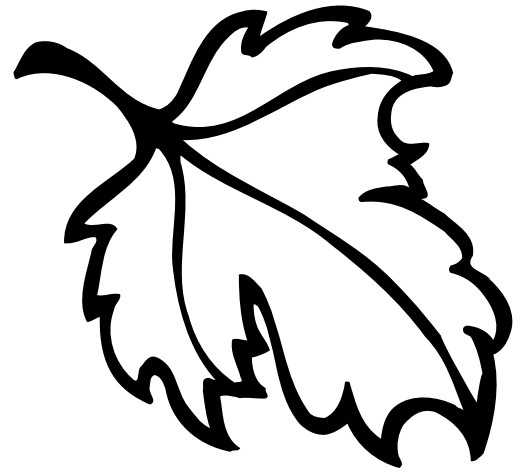
*You will need:*

- 2 round crackers per child
- 8 small pretzel sticks per child
- 2 raisins per child
- Peanut butter

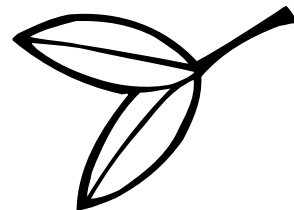
Give each child a plastic knife to spread peanut butter. Have each child make a “sandwich” with the two crackers and peanut butter. Stick the pretzels between the crackers to form the spider (four pretzel sticks on either side) Place the raisins on top (use peanut butter as glue) of the sandwich for eyes. Eat and enjoy! Some children may want to eat the crackers, pretzels, and raisins without making a spider. That’s okay!



**Caution: Be aware that infants and young children can choke easily on some foods, such as crackers, pretzels, raisins, and peanut butter. Watch children closely when they are eating these foods.**



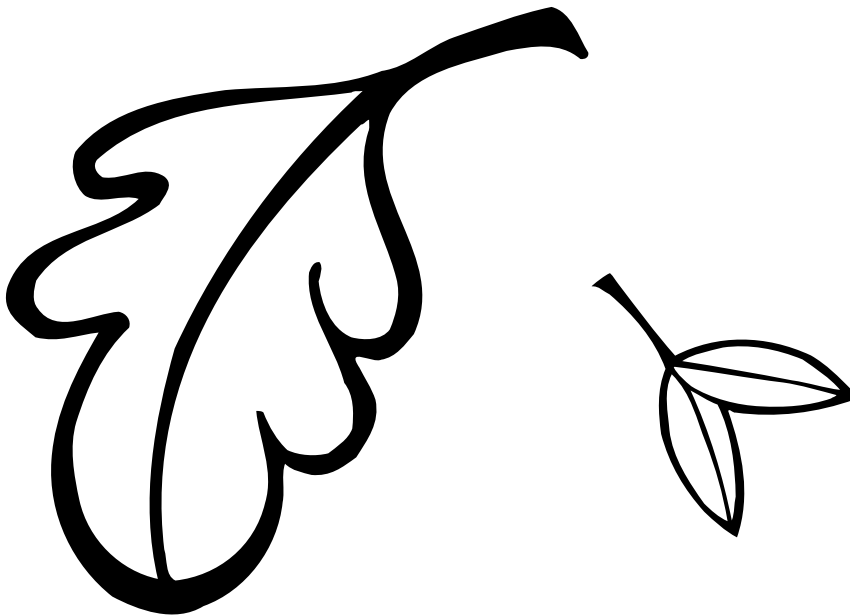
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## A LEAF WALK

Take a neighborhood walk. Take a bag with you. As you walk, ask the children to look for large and small “special, most beautiful leaves.” When anyone finds one, have him pick it up and carefully put it in your bag.

When you return, have the children help you put the leaves on a table. Set out several magnifying glasses. Encourage the children to look carefully at the leaves, using the magnifying glasses.



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