

Welcome to the A TREE IS A COMMUNITY Activity Kit!



What's included:

- Critter community matching!
- The four seasons of trees!
- What I see on a tree!
- Fun with leaf rubbing!

Meet the creators:



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Still curious about trees?

Check out the section in the back of the book called WE AND THE TREE and the bibliography for more great resources!



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Critter community matching!

Lots of critters make trees their community!

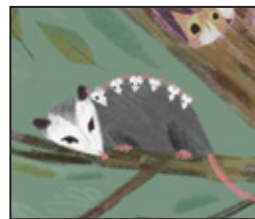
Draw a line to match the pictures of the tree's inhabitants on the right to their names on the left.



Ants



Squirrel



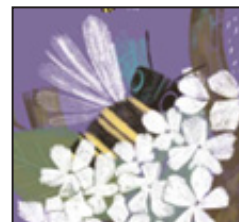
Bee



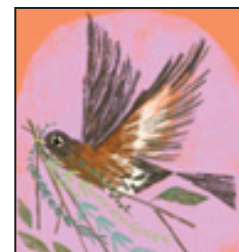
Robin



Owl



Opossum



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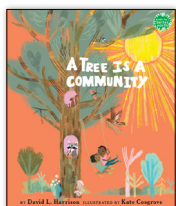
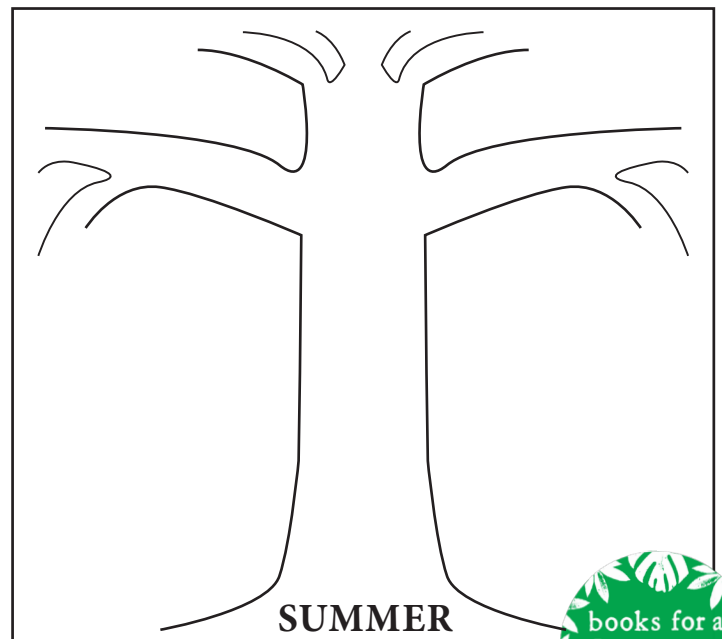
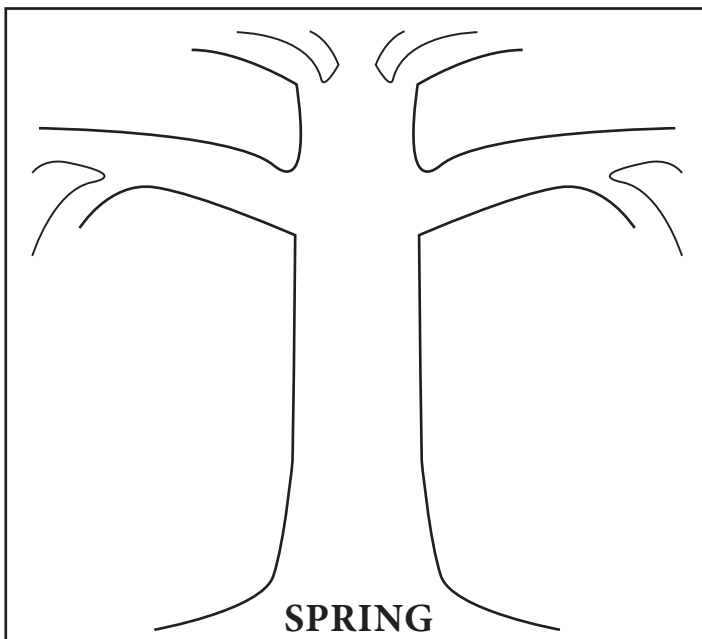
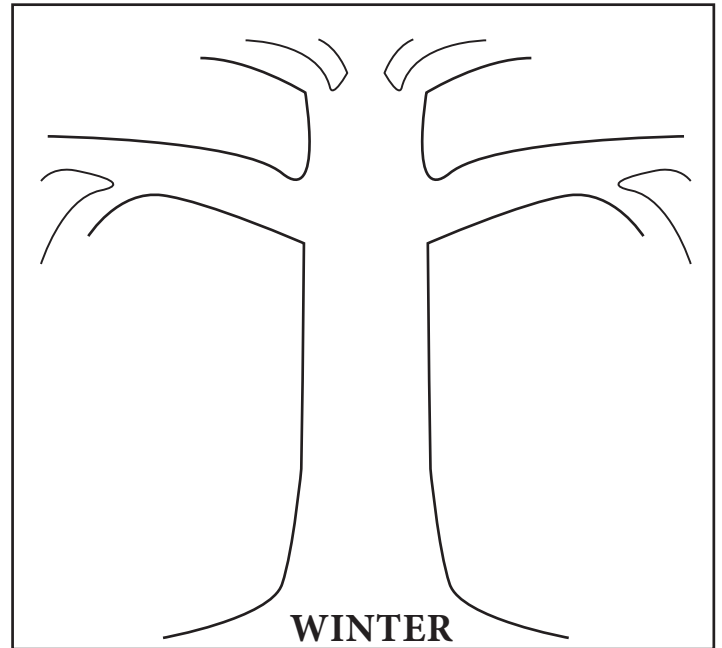
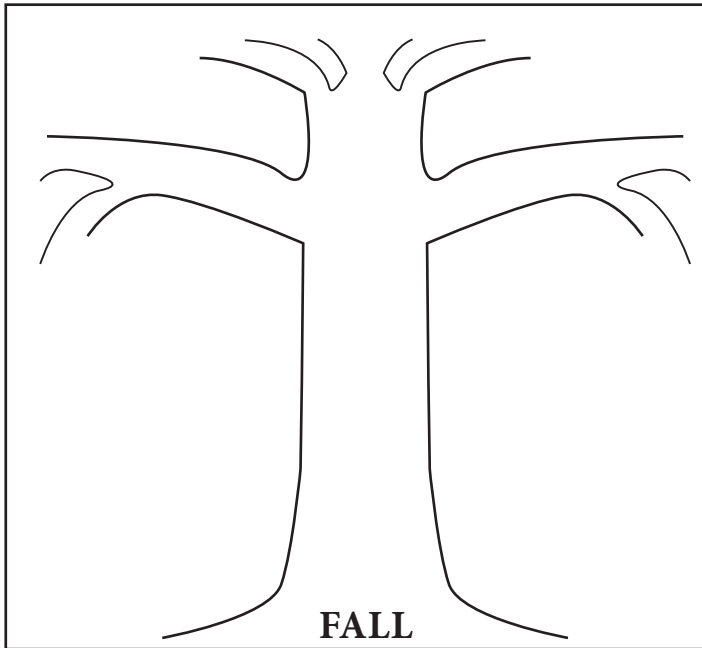
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The four seasons of trees!

Coloring sheet

Using your favorite coloring supplies, color in the tree to show each season! Don't forget to add the bugs and animals who make the trees their community!



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What I see on a tree!

Head outside with this sheet to your favorite tree.

Then write down everything you see on the tree. What critters are on the tree? Does it have short branches? Long branches? Moss? Leaves? And don't forget to include colors! Draw your favorite tree in the box below!



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Fun with leaf rubbing!

Leaf rubbing activity

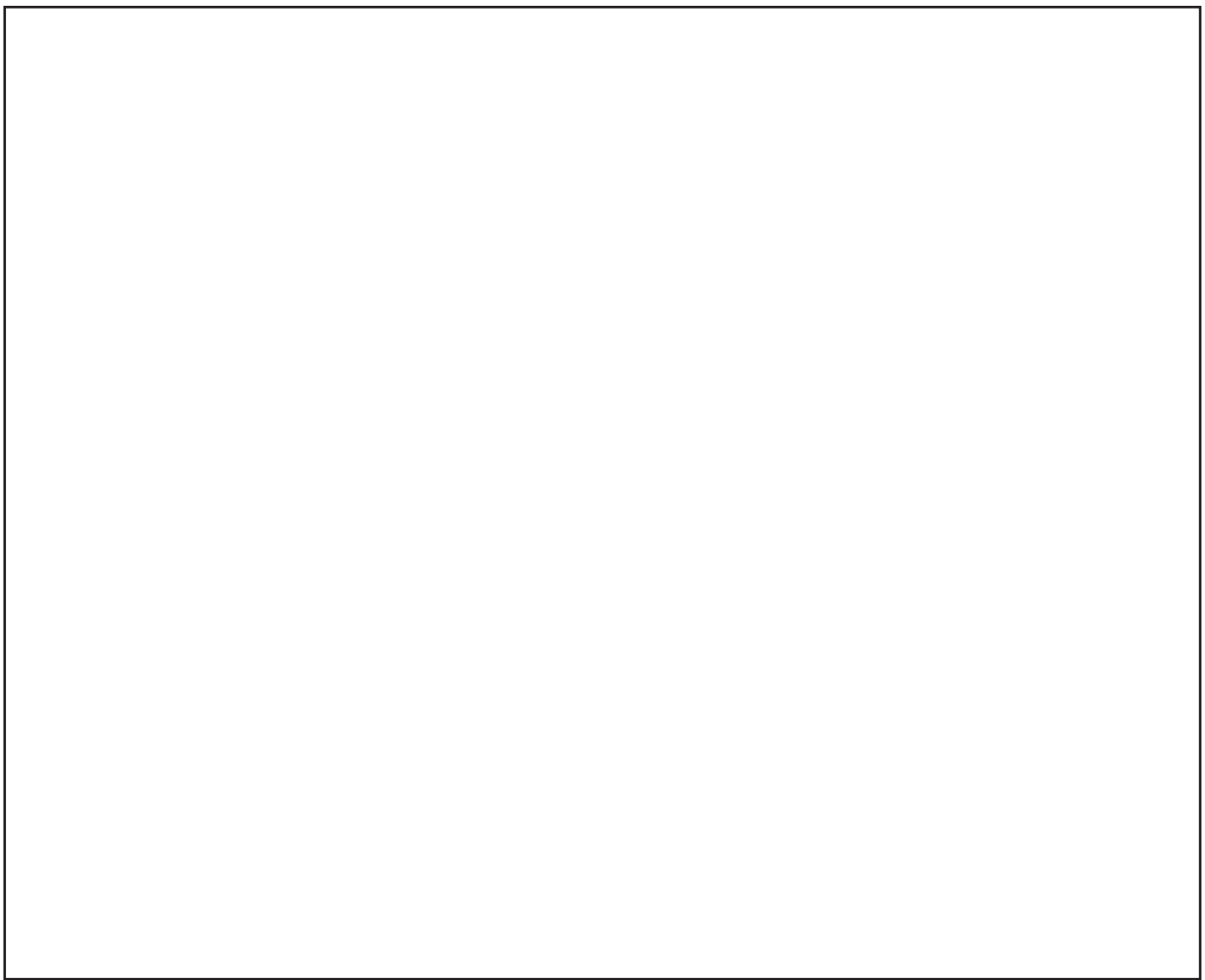


Supplies:

1. Leaves from a tree outside
2. Paper (use the box below!)
3. Scissors
4. Crayons in your favorite leaf colors!

Directions:

1. Gather some leaves outside.
2. With an adult cut out the box below.
3. Place your leaves on a flat surface and cover with your piece of paper!
4. Use the long side of a crayon to gently rub the surface of the paper to reveal the shape of your leaves!



You can also make a bark rubbing by taping a piece of paper onto a tree's bark and rubbing the surface of the paper with your crayons!



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