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# Activity Sheet



## Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf

By Lois Ehlert

This is the story of a sugar maple tree and the child who planted it. They are friends, growing up together. Share in their relationship—and see what a good friend a tree can be.

**Before you read this book**, if you can, gather some maple seeds to show your kids how they fly in the wind. Ask, what do they look like?

**While you read this book**, point out the labels on the individual items (gloves, shovel, etc). Use your finger to show the writing.

Reading tip: Read from a variety of children's books, including fairy tales, song books, poems, and information books.

**After you read this book**, collect different leaves, bark, seeds and flowers from other trees with your kids. Explore the different types of leaves.

Make leaf rubbings. Put leaves vein side up on a table. Cover the leaves with a piece of paper and gently rub with a crayon.

At home: Make Maple Syrup Candy. You will need 1/2 cup pure maple syrup, 1 microwave-safe container and a microwave oven, 1 small bowl half filled with crushed ice, a spoon, a fork and an adult to help you with the boiling syrup—it's HOT!

Pour the syrup into the microwave-safe container and cook it in the microwave on high power for five minutes. Very carefully spoon the maple syrup over the crushed ice (an adult should do this).

Watch what happens. Is the syrup still liquid? Pick out the syrup with a fork.

**Check out these great books** (suggested by our friends at Reading Rainbow):

*The Tremendous Tree Book* by Barbara Brenner and Mary Garelick

*Trees, A Poem* by Harry Behn

*Once There Was a Tree* written by Natalia Romanova, illustrated by Gennady Spirin

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