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Autumn Treasures



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Introduction

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Ah, these mornings of early autumn are beautiful! There is a sharp snap in the air, and the cool morning temperatures are invigorating. The days are growing shorter as the leaves begin to change colors. Apples and pumpkins and gourds are showing up at the farmers market and produce stand, and apple cider is simmering with cinnamon in the slow cooker. It's time to rake the leaves, enjoy the changes, and learn more about this season and its treasures.

With the new Download N Go™ unit studies, you are about to begin a new kind of learning experience. Each study is one-week in length, having five daily lessons with lapbook components for each day. The name, Download N Go™, comes from the concept that these studies are ready to use as soon as you have downloaded them. No preparation or waiting time or other expensive resources are required. A few inexpensive items are needed for the lapbook—a simple file folder, a glue stick, safety scissors, brass brads, and crayons or markers. That's it—simple, effective, and what a way to learn!

Now that you are beginning *Autumn Treasures*, the first in the Download N Go™ series, get ready for a wonderful learning adventure about this season and all that it holds. Your child will investigate how seasons change, what autumn is all about, the life cycle of pumpkins and apples, the way that candy corn is made, and much more. Each day he will explore and investigate, creating and adding more learning components to his *Autumn Treasures* lapbook—building a wonderful reminder of all that he is learning to be enjoyed for years to come.

From developing an understanding of the word “season” to investigating why leaves change colors, this is going to be an exciting adventure. Your child will be looking into how nature changes as autumn moves into your neighborhood.

What are the animals doing in autumn?
What happens on farms now?
How are the leaves changing?
What kinds of foods are favorites in autumn?

There will be science discoveries, such as learning about the cause of seasons and how animals in the wild use autumn to prepare for winter. Your student will learn a bit of history as he studies the history of the pumpkin in America, as well as how Johnny Appleseed helped our pioneers spread across this great land. Geography will make the study of autumn very interesting—did you realize that while autumn begins in September in the Northern Hemisphere, it begins in March in the Southern Hemisphere?

So get ready for the adventure, and thanks for spending a week with us as we begin discovering *Autumn Treasures*!



Note to parents: Remember that Internet site content can change overnight. Please check the sites that you plan to use before your child visits them in the study.

Daily Objectives

Day 1: What is Autumn?

1. What are seasons?
2. What is autumn?
3. What changes happen in autumn?
4. What causes seasons?

Day 2: Science Secrets of Autumn

1. Let's take a look at leaves and why they change color.
2. Where do leaves change color?
3. How are nuts and acorns spread in autumn?
4. What is a harvest moon?

Day 3: People and Places of Autumn

1. Who was Johnny Appleseed?
2. What is an apple, and where do they grow?
3. What is a hemisphere, and where are the Northern and Southern Hemispheres?
4. What is a harvest, and what is being harvested near you?

Day 4: Time for Tips and Treasures of Autumn

1. How do animals & people prepare for winter during autumn?
2. Develop a time chart of the earth's position during the seasons.
3. Investigate migrating Monarch butterflies.
4. Learn about the life cycle of pumpkins.

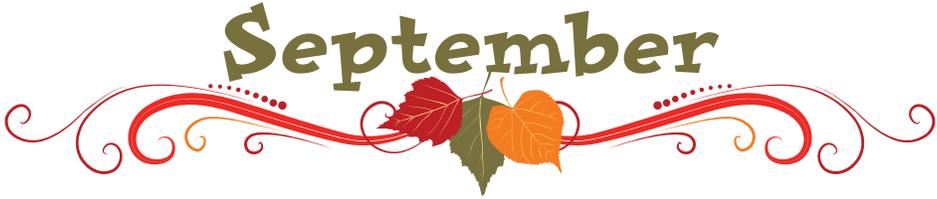
Day 5: Goodies and Gadgets of Autumn

1. Where does popcorn come from, and how does it pop?
2. Study the history and manufacturing process of candy corn—that fun autumn candy.
3. How do they make apple cider?
4. Gather together the week's nature-walk collection.

When does the season of autumn begin this year? Check your calendar!

[Autumn Begins](#)

Add the dates into the blank September calendar below. Color and cut the “Autumn Begins” square out of the [cutout page](#) and paste it on the date that Autumn begins this year.

						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

Check the calendar again to see when each season begins over the next year and then go to this [lapbooking activity](#).

Finally, autumn is here! Let's begin this autumn adventure by getting a better view of autumn around the country.

Video: [Beautiful Autumn](#)

Video: [Autumn](#)

With the end of summer, what happens outside? What changes can you see in autumn? List them below.

