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FAMILY TREE

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Songs

"I'm a Tall, Tall Tree" written by Lorraine Lee Hammond, sung by Dany Rosevear

https://youtu.be/IKNDu_69jlg

"Why Do Leaves Change Color?" by the Treetop Family

https://youtu.be/Sa_zHORXfvk

"Head Shoulders Knees and Toes for Trees!" by Mr. R's Songs for Teaching

<https://youtu.be/FJqy967xs1c>

"Leaf Little Leaf" by Music Box Kids

<https://youtu.be/A-J17BlxDhk>



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How to plant seeds - an easy kids gardening activity

Reference: <https://teaching2and3yearolds.com/how-to-plant-seeds-for-an-easy-kids-gardening-activity/>

What you will need:

- [biodegradable pots](#)
- soil
- [seeds](#)
- [craft sticks](#)
- [shovels or something to scoop soil](#)
- [spray bottle filled with water](#)

Open seed packets. If you have different seeds, have the children compare them.

Place the soil in a large container/bin. Have the children scoop the soil into their peat pot until it's almost to the top.



Plant a few seeds in each container, in case one (or two) don't make it. Place the seeds in the palm of the children's hands and they use the fingers from the other hand to pinch the seeds and placed them in the soil. They then gently push some soil on top of the seeds, tucking them in like a blanket.

Write the name of the plant on a craft stick and the children stick these in the soil of their pots.

Place them on the window-sill and wait for them to grow!



Benefits of gardening with kids:

- children have a better connection with the earth
- they develop patience as they wait for the seeds to grow
- they gain responsibility as they take care of the plants
- they learn about the growth process

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How to make a grass head

Bunnings YouTube Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LguezfzXA00>

Reference: [How-to-make-FUNKY-Grass-HeadsFINAL-724x1024.png \(724x1024\) \(myhometurf.com.au\)](#)

HOW TO MAKE A FUNKY GRASS HEAD

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- Stocking
- Scissors
- Marker Pen
- Mug or Plastic Cup
- Elastic Band
- Paper
- Glue
- Cotton Wool
- Art Decorations
- Sand, Potting Mix or Soil from your Garden
- Packet of Grass Seed



Step 1:

Cut off a 25cm section of an old stocking that includes the toe.

(Or use knee highs or pop socks)

Step 2:

Place the toe end of the stocking inside a large cup or mug. Pull the sides of the stocking over the rim of the cup or mug to create a wide opening. Spoon in about 3 teaspoons of grass seeds.

Step 3:

Pack into the stocking some sand/potting mix or garden soil. Aim to have the head roughly the same size as a tennis ball.

Step 4:

Tie a knot close to the end but don't cut off the dangly bit.

Step 5:

Now make a nose or ears by grabbing a bit of the stocking and twisting. Fasten the base of the nose with some thread or a small rubber band.

Step 6: It's decoration time!

Use fabric scraps and your googly eyes to decorate the face. Use the coloured paper to make the mug/plastic container into a dress or suit. Make sure that the glue you use is water proof.

GROWING YOUR GRASS HEAD

Dunk your grass head into a bowl of water to moisten the sand/soil. Half fill a mug/plastic container and put the head on top. The excess stocking should be dangling down into the water.

Put your wonderful creation on the window sill or a well lit area.

Check every two days to make sure the head is moist - if dry, dribble a few drops of water onto the head.

HAIR - will take about 1 week to sprout and you will have a full head of hair in about 3 - 4 weeks.

Have fun cutting and experimenting with different hair styles!



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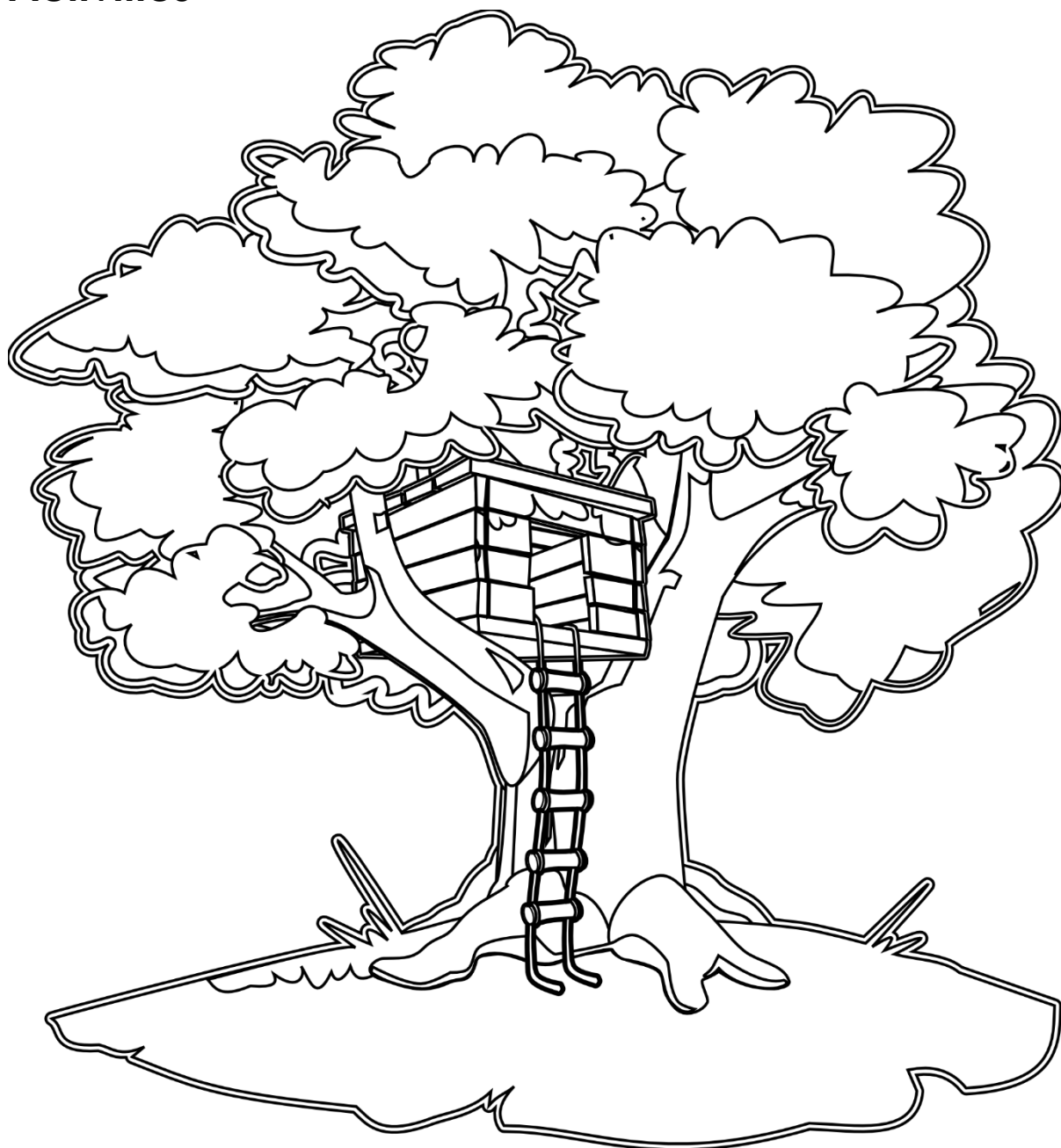
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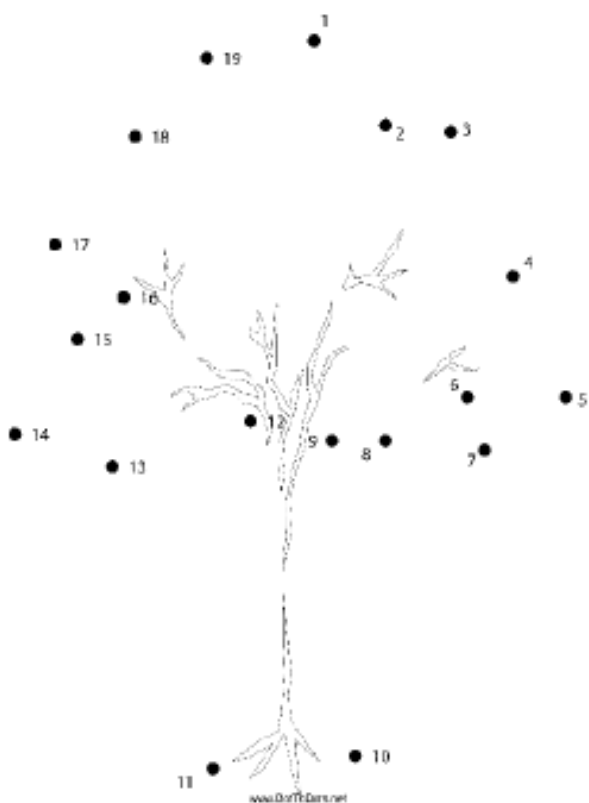


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Reference: https://www.dottodots.net/preview/Stately_Tree_Dot-To-Dot



Reference: <https://www.connectthedots101.com/worksheet/4314-Love-a-Tree-dot-to-dot>

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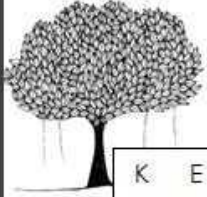
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Tree Word Search



BIRCH
ASPEN
APPLE
ACORN
OAK

HICKORY
BEECH
HEMLOCK
ALMOND
CEDAR

ELM
MAPLE
PALM
WILLOW
WALNUT

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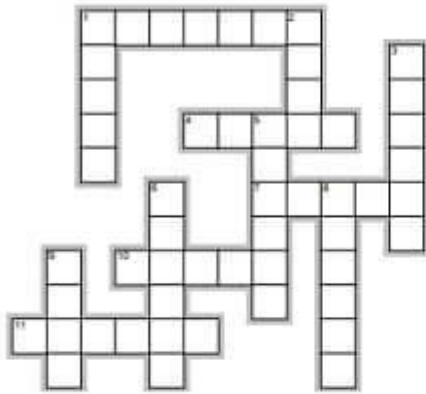
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Find the Misspelling Crossword

Circle the misspelled word in each sentence. Write it correctly in the crossword.



Across

1. I never climed this high in the tree before!
4. Tim was the frist one to finish his paper.
7. Sara and Allie hope to see each other agian soon.
10. I won't come outside untill I clear the table.
11. If you lisen closely, you can hear the robins.

Down

1. Max likes to coler with large crayons.
2. What dose your baby brother like it eat?
3. My best friend will be comeing to my birthday party.
5. I realy want to go to the circus!
6. We ate diner after the school play.
8. It's allmost cool enough to need a jacket.
9. My aunt siad she would come over for a visit.

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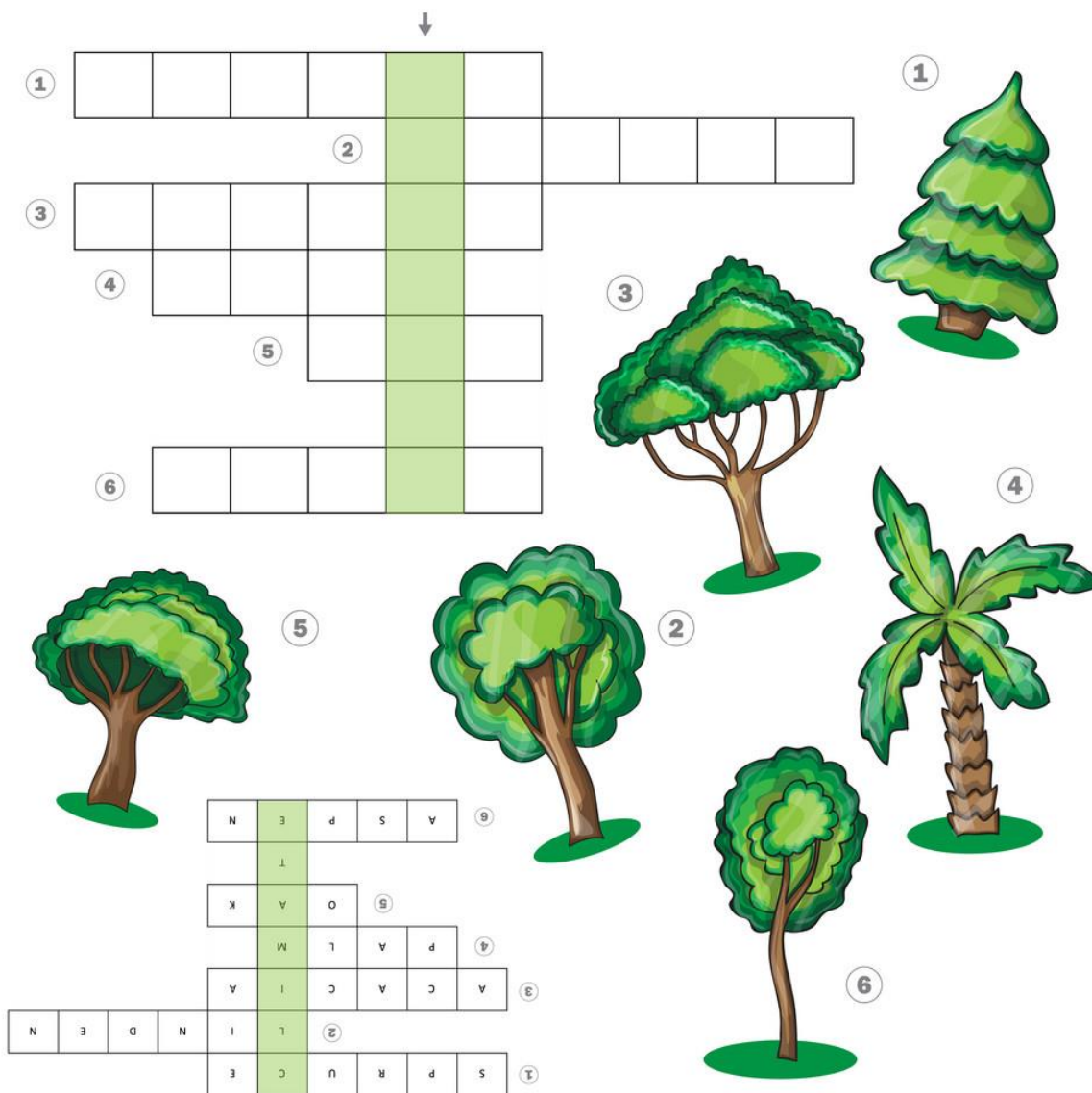


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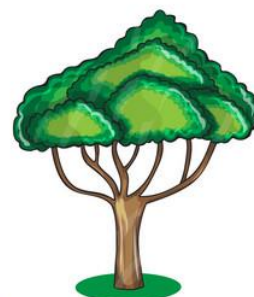
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WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

S	P	R	U	C	E	T	R	L	B
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A	J	U	H	I	O	B	V	D	H
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P	B	C	D	G	L	A	C	N	O
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S	N	A	I	C	A	C	A	I	U
U	I	G	F	V	W	D	B	J	R
B	L	R	T	E	C	U	R	P	S



Reference: <https://www.vectorstock.com/royalty-free-vector/trees-themed-word-search-puzzle-vector-16932407>

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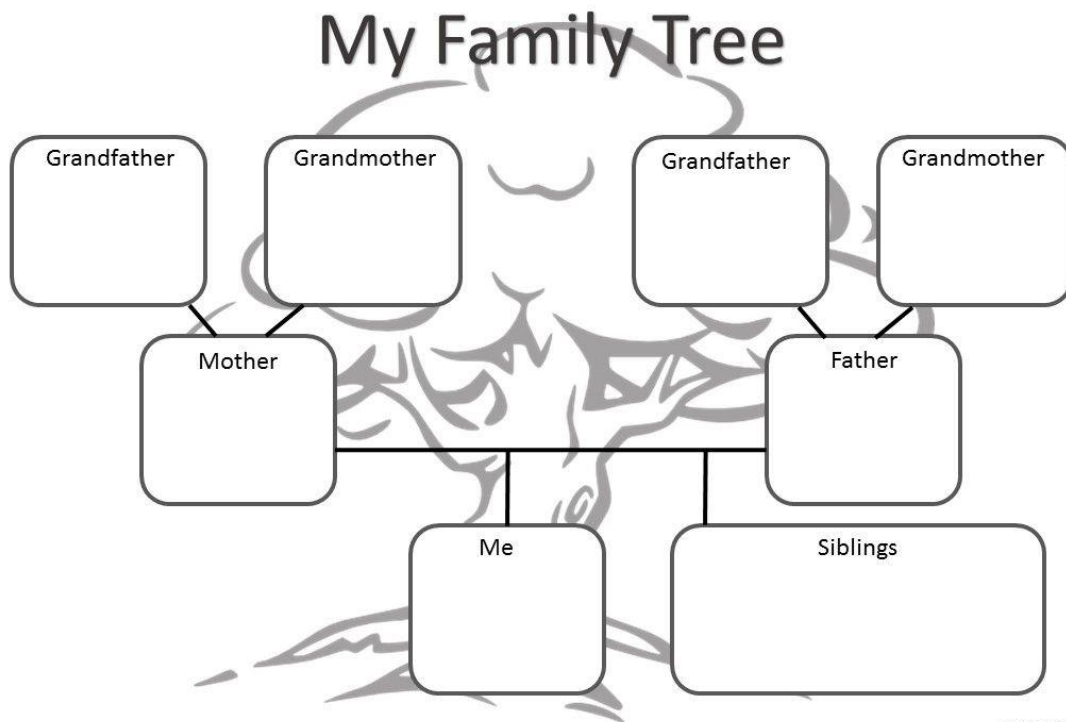
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My Family Tree



KINDERGARTENPRINTABLES.COM

Reference: <https://kindergartenprintables.com/homework-sheets/free-printable-family-tree-worksheet/>

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Four Seasons Tree Craft With Template

Reference: <https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/four-seasons-tree-craft/>



Four Seasons Felt Board Craft

Reference: <https://craftsbyamanda.com/4-seasons-felt-board-craft/>



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Bark and Paint Swatches

Four season tree craft

Reference: <https://www.somewhatsimple.com/book-of-seasons/>



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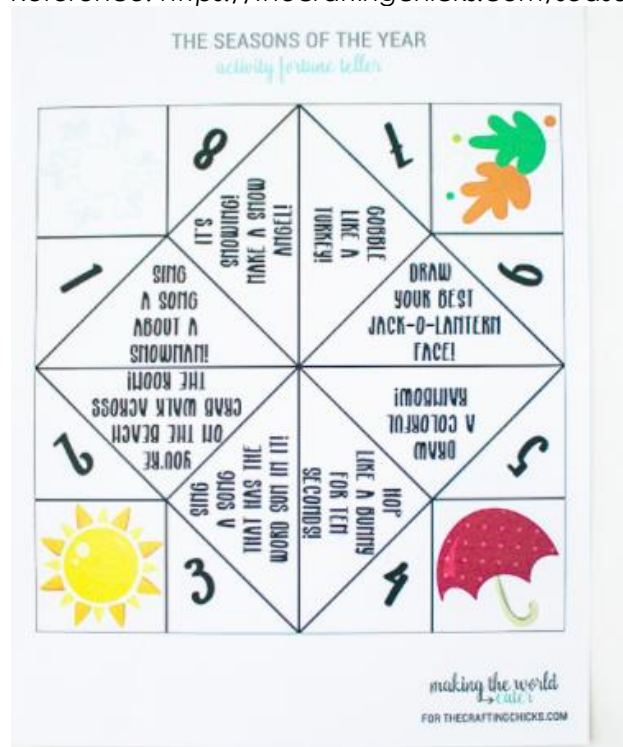


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Chatterbox – seasons

Reference: <https://thecraftingchicks.com/seasons-activity-fortune-teller-free-printable/>



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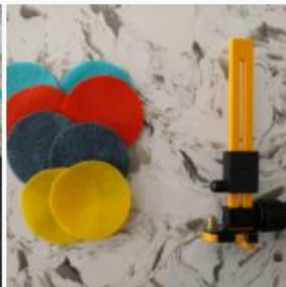


Make your own felt family tree

Reference: <https://familylocket.com/felt-family-tree-interactive-activity-for-kids/>



Cut out the colorful felt circles that will go behind each photo. I use regular felt (not stiffened), because the laminated photos will be glued to them and give them structure. You can use stiffened felt also, if you prefer that.



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