

Five Little Leaves

This simple fall rhyme gives your class a chance to practice their counting skills. Count from five or ten.

WHAT THEY LEARN

Counting, subtraction, colors, steady beat

WHAT YOU NEED

- Fall Leaves Visuals
- Felt Board

WHAT TO DO

- Have the children help you count the leaves as you place them on the board.
- Sing the song encouraging participation in the motions and then the words.

LYRICS

Tune: "Five Little Ducks"

Five little leaves were hanging on a tree (*hold up five fingers*)

They were the prettiest you ever did see.

Whoosh! came a breeze of cold fall air (*motion a big gust of wind, hands moving side to side*)

And four little leaves were hanging there. (*hold up four fingers*)

Continue counting backwards until you get to zero.



Circle Time Tip

Children love to have things in their hands. To meet this need while still being able to teach the activity, pass out a leaf to each child so they have something to keep their hands busy. Otherwise, they may try and take the leaves off the felt board making it hard to count.

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Print, cut out and laminate the leaves. Then affix velcro to allow them to stay on the felt board. Or, use the picture as a pattern and cut the leaves out of flannel!

