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from home

Do You Know These Trees

What is a tree? There are many answers to this. Trees are plants just like sunflowers and grass. Where do trees come from?

Know before you begin

- This activity can be done inside or outside
- All supplies are easy to find, substitute or leave out entirely
- Adult supervision is recommended
- Please choose a safe space to play

Materials

- Tree seeds (such as acorns, pinecones, apple, peach, orange, or mango seeds or maple tree seed "helicopters")
- Tree
- Blanket
- Crayons with paper peeled off
- Paper
- Tree identification book



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Instructions

1. Look at the tree seeds. Handle and explore.
What is the area where many trees grow together?
How do trees start growing?
What size is the smallest tree you ever saw?
How small is a tree when it is a baby?
2. First, go hug a tree. Feel the bark and smell it.
How is the tree attached to the ground?
Did someone stick the trunk into the ground?
Did it pop up already grown?
3. Spread a blanket and lie down under the tree and look up at the branches.
4. Make a tree bark rubbing by holding a piece of paper against the trunk while a child rubs a crayon (held sideways) over the page to reveal the texture of the bark.
5. Look at the leaves.
6. Make a rubbing of the leaves.
7. Look up the name of your tree in the tree identification book.

