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| Autumn | |
| Faith | * God made the world |
| Values / Morality | * Caring for God's creation * Sharing the gifts of God's creation |
| Points for  Discussion | * Nature in autumn – trees, animals, birds * Hibernation * God’s care in autumn * Fruits of autumn * Colour |
| Prayers | * Autumn Leaves * Autumn * Prayer Service 'Harvest Festival' |
| Sacred Space | * Cloth in an autumn colour * Candle * Children's Bible stories * Leaves, acorns etc * Leaf prints |
| Children's  Bible Stories |  |
| Songs & Nursery  Rhymes | * Frisky Squirrel * The Leaves are Falling Down * Seed Song |
| Books | **Thank You, God : Prayers for Little Hands**  Board book by Lois Rock, illustrations by Kay Widdowson  Published by Lion Hudson  ISBN-10: 0745961622 |

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|  | Why Do Leaves Change Color?  By Betsy Maestro, illustrations by Loretta Krupinski  Published by Collins  ISBN-10: 0064451267  The Very Helpful Hedgehog  By Rosie Wellesley  Published by Pavilion Children's Books  ISBN-10: 184365198X  Ferdie and the Falling Leaves  By Julia Rawlinson, illustrations by Tiphanie Beeke  Published by Gullane Children's Books  ISBN-10: 1862336792  Autumn (Read & Learn: Seasons)  By Monica Hughes  Published by Raintree  ISBN-10: 1844213447 |
| Links with Family | * Prayer Service 'Harvest Festival' |

**Prayer**

**Autumn Leaves**

Autumn leaves are falling down

red, yellow, green and brown.

Hedgehog sleeps without a sound,

thank you God as the seasons come round.

**Autumn**

For fun in the park, we thank you God;

for autumn fruits, we thank you God;

for little squirrels we thank you God.

Thank you God.

Amen

**Prayer Service**

**Harvest Festival**

**Preparation:** Set up sacred space. Include a selection of fruit and vegetables.

Light a candle.

**Teacher:** Each season brings something new for us to see and enjoy.

With sunny days and rainy days our crops grow taller.

Fruit and vegetables ripen ready for us to harvest.

Thank you God for all the food we have to eat.

Amen

**Child:** My favourite fruit is ...

**Response:** Thank you God for ...

**Child:** My favourite vegetable is ...

**Response:** Thank you God for ...

**Teacher:** Let us remember the people who do not have enough to eat.

**Children:** God bless all the people who do not have enough to eat.

Help us to be kind and to share.

**All:** The Seed Song.

**Songs and Nursery Rhymes**

**Frisky Squirrel**

**(Tune: The Grand Old Duke of York)**

Oh, the frisky little squirrel

he gathers nuts and seeds.

He hides them for the winter months

so he’ll have all he needs.

**The Leaves are Falling Down**

**(Tune: Farmer in the Dell)**

The leaves are falling down,

the leaves are falling down.

Red, yellow, green and brown,

the leaves are falling down.

**The Seed Song**

Seeds are planted deep, deep, deep.

In the ground they sleep, sleep, sleep.

God sends sunshine bright, bright, bright.

Raindrops falling light, light, light.

Seeds are planted deep, deep, deep.

In the ground they sleep, sleep, sleep.

Gentle breezes blow, blow, blow.

Little seeds they grow, grow, grow.

Grow, grow, grow, grow.