

# Idea Hoarder

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Holiday Ideas

## Circle Time

Decorate a shoe box or another small box in a manner that will draw the children's interest. Place items that go with the current theme of the month inside the box. Fall items that we used included a pinecone, cinnamon stick, leaves, a rock, and a feather. At the beginning of circle time recite:

*If I had a mystery box,  
To put God's wonders in,  
I'd take them out,  
And pass them about,  
Then put them back again.*

Invite children, one at a time, to come peek inside your box to see what mystery you have inside. Once all children have looked inside, talk about the items - how God created each item, how they relate to fall, and other concepts related to fall and God.

## Mystery Box



## Outside Activity

Kids love to explore the world around them and talk about what they see. Help the children discover God's beautiful creations by taking them outside on a fall nature walk. Provide them each with a scavenger list and bag to store the items they find. For older children, make the items on the list more advanced. Once they have found their items, encourage them to share their discoveries with each other. Talk with them about all the things God has made for us to enjoy. You can use this activity to talk about how many of the items are the same (i.e. several leaves) but how those items are also very unique (i.e. the leaves are various colors, shapes, and sizes). Tie the conversation into how God made each of us unique and wonderful (Psalm 139:14).

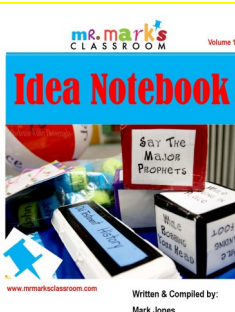
## Scavenger Hunt



## Art Activity

For this activity you will need a shallow box/pan, small marbles or balls, fall paint colors, and a leaf cutout for each child. Begin by placing the leaf cutout in the box then roll the marbles in paint and place them in the box. Next, have children gently wiggle the box to move the marbles over the cutout. If you have vigorous shakers, you can add a lid to the box. Talk about all the colors they see on leaves in the fall. Once the leaves are dry, use the leaves to decorate a bulletin board, glue the leaves on to paper and make fall placemats, or just let the children toss them up in the air and watch them fall to the ground like leaves falling from a tree.

## Marble Painting



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