

Chat, Play, Share

I had a little nut tree

I had a little nut tree,
Nothing would it bear,
But a silver nutmeg,
And a golden pear.
The King of Spain's daughter
Came to visit me,
And all for the sake
Of my little nut tree.

[I had a little nut tree - YouTube](#)

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I skipped over water,
I danced over sea,
And all the birds in the air,
Couldn't catch me.

Use a happy, sing song voice.
Hold hands and clap in time to
the music as you sing along.



Once you know the song well, try moving at the same time as singing. Can you skip, dance, jump or pretend to fly round the room?

Pretend to be an autumn leaf gently floating through the air. Spin and twist around as the wind catches you and moves you in a different direction. Make this into a listening game by making a noise to signify a change in direction.

Chat Play Share...Other ideas you could try....

Share a story together about trees and leaves. Chat about the pictures and story. Also read some non-fiction books to explore trees further.

Examples of stories:

- Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert
- The Leaf Thief by Alice Hemming
- We're Going on a Leaf Hunt by Steve Metzger
- Nature Stories: Little Acorn by Igloobooks

Autumn Leaves

Autumn is a lovely time to go for a walk and find out about the trees growing in your area.

Use an app on your phone or make a leaf identification sheet or iDial to identify leaves



and trees you come across. Talk about the shapes of the leaves and introduce some technical language like serrated, pointy, elongated, toothed edge, veins, lobes and leaflets.

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/03/tree-id-kids>

Develop your autumn vocabulary:

Nouns: Leaf, rake, pile, tree, stick, twig, bark, trunk, squirrel, hibernate

Verbs: Throw, rake, crash, fall, twirl, sway, play, stomp, jump, skip

Adjectives: Colours, big, little, colourful, crunchy, dry, soft, flat

Prepositions: Have fun playing in the leaves and learn about prepositions at the same time.

On/Off – Tape (or place) leaves on different surfaces that your child can take 'off' or put 'on.'

Up/Down – When playing outside in the leaves, throw them 'up' in the air and watch them fall 'down.'

Out/In – After making a leaf pile, jump 'in' and come 'out' of the pile.

Under – Hide objects 'under' the pile for your child to find.

When your child understands the meaning of different prepositions, you can practice using them. Hide leaves around the room, and then have your child tell you where the leaves are hiding.