

Leaves



Story Summary

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Lesson Focus

Autumn Leaves

Book Information

Run Time	4:11
Author	Janet Lawler
Illustrator	Lindsay Dale-Scott
Narrator	Josh Millman
Publisher	Jumping Jack Press
Ages	3–9
Genre	Nonfiction
Themes & Ideas	leaves, autumn
Language & Literary Features	Illustrations provide context clues as well as opportunities for prediction.
Vocabulary	brilliance, flutters, critters, rustle, hustle, chlorophyll, migrate, prickly, slugs, burrows, dozing
Special Vocabulary	autumn, fall, leaves
Illustrations	Delightful paper pop up illustrations provide facts about leaves.

Activity Ideas

Leaf Prints

Find leaves and describe the differences they each have.

KWL Chart

Use a KWL chart to research autumn or leaves.

Leaf Art

Find leaves and glue them onto paper to make a leaf collage.

Additional activities can be found in the following pages of this document.

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Discuss the story and write your answers together.

What is *Leaves* about?

What is your favorite season? Why?

Describe autumn.

How are leaves different from each other?

Explain how a leaf changes color.



Leaves

Pause at the indicated time stamps and discuss the story

0:30

What are some things that leaves can do?

0:50

What time of year do the days shorten? What does that mean - are there fewer than 24 hours in the day?

1:12

Why do leaves change colors?

1:24

Do birds migrate from where you live? Which direction do they go?

2:00

What other animals use leaves to hide in?

2:41

How do leaves help animals with food?

3:07

Have you ever seen a mushroom growing outside?

3:35

How do animals use leaves for their homes?

After viewing the Book:

1. What colors of leaves have you seen?
2. What is your favorite fact from *Leaves*?



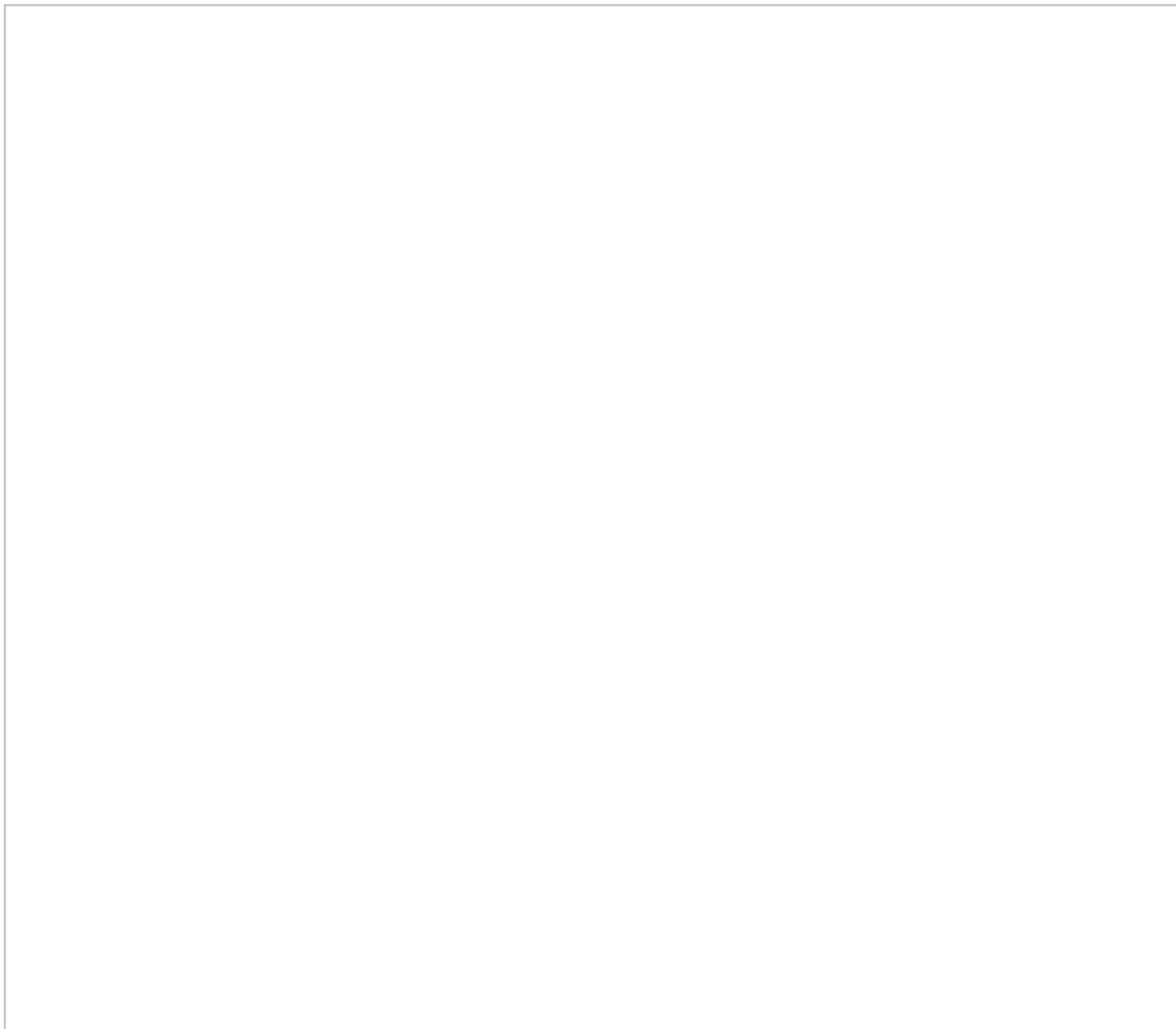


📖 Drawing and Writing

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“A leaf seems simple. But leaves do many things.”

Draw a picture of one of the things that leaves do and finish the sentence below.



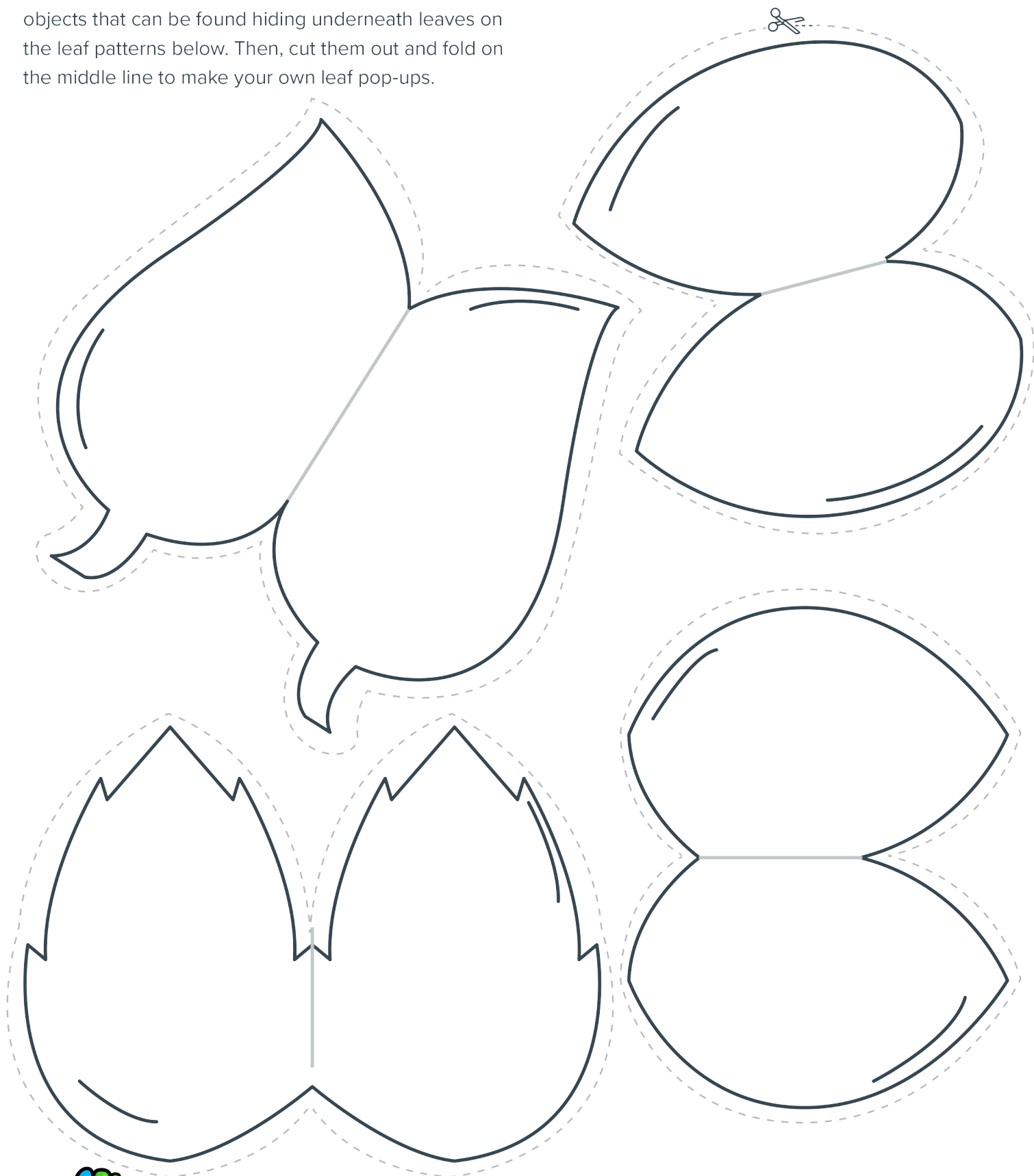
One thing that leaves do is _____

_____.



Pop-up Leaves

What is hiding underneath the leaves? Draw animals or objects that can be found hiding underneath leaves on the leaf patterns below. Then, cut them out and fold on the middle line to make your own leaf pop-ups.

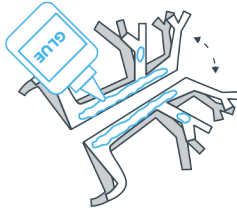
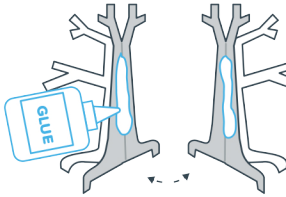


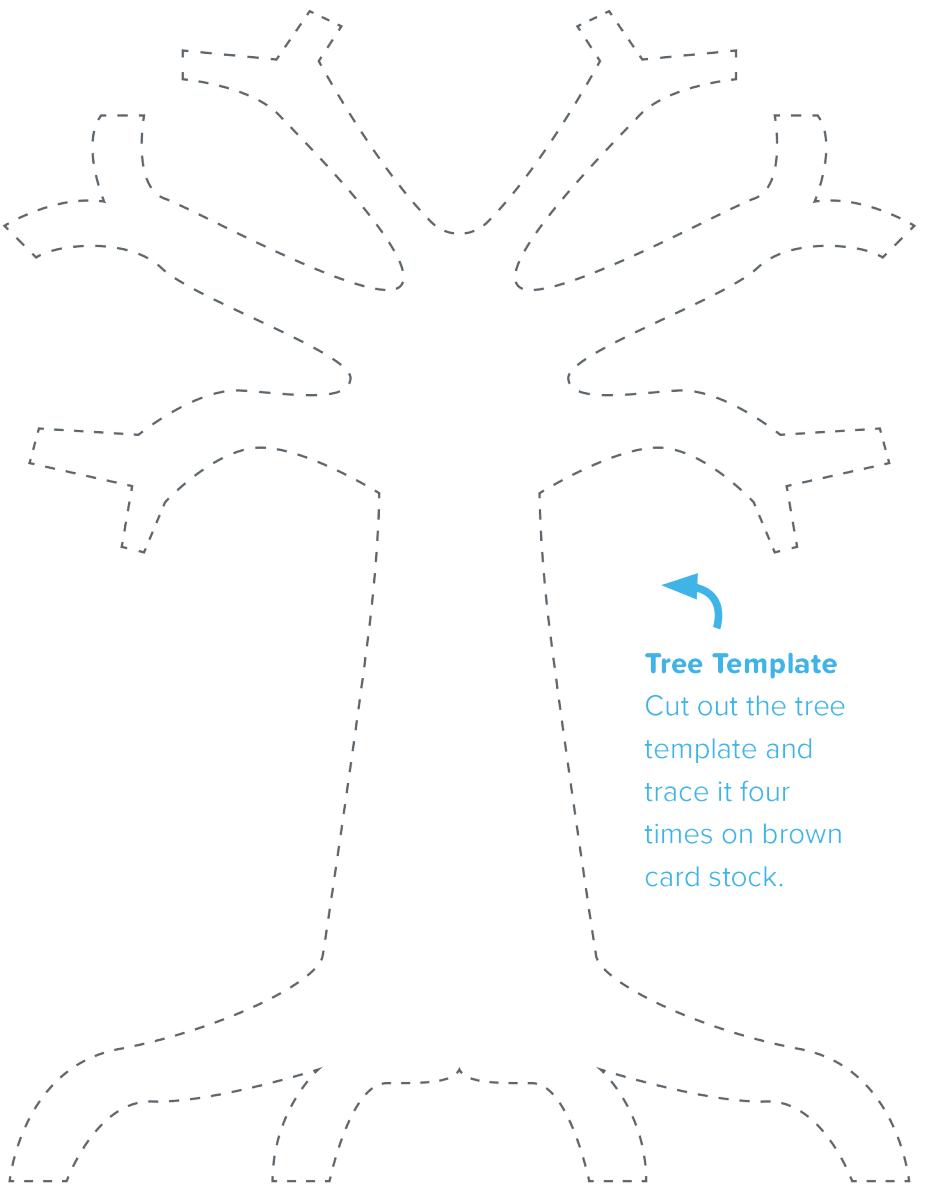
3D Tree

Materials needed

- Brown cardstock (medium to heavy weight)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Light weight paper in fall colors (red, yellow, orange)

Directions

1. Cut out the tree template.
2. Trace tree template on brown card stock to come up with four identical trees.
3. Cut out the trees.
4. Fold each tree in half.
5. Glue two trees together along one half side, aligning them along the edges.

6. Similarly glue the two remaining trees together. You now have the two sections of your three-dimensional tree trunk.
7. Assemble the tree trunk by gluing both paper tree pairs together, aligning them along the edges.

8. Trace the leaf templates on yellow, red, orange, and brown paper to make the leaves of a fall or autumn tree.
9. Glue the leaves on the tree branches.



Tree Template

Cut out the tree template and trace it four times on brown card stock.



Leaf Templates

Cut out the leaf templates and trace them on multi-colored paper.

