

**Joyful Heart Learning in October**  
2 Year Olds

Month	Theme	Weeks & Days	Theme Time	Math and Art Time	Song Time	Other
<p><b>October</b></p> <p><b>Bible Concept:</b> The Bible is God's special book for me.</p> <p><b>Playdough:</b> Pumpkin Pie</p> <p><b>Sensory Tub:</b> Play feathers and beans (or leaves) Tongs, small bags and containers of varying sizes, measuring cups</p>	<p><b>Theme:</b> Fall</p> <p><b>Bible Memory:</b> Psalm 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.</p>	W1, D1	<p><b>Theme Story:</b> <u>When Autumn Falls</u> by Kelly Nidey</p> <p><b>Theme Related Activity:</b> Go outside and sit under some trees. Talk about the leaves, trunks, branches, twigs, acorns, etc. Feel the parts of the tree. Do they notice rough and smooth parts? Collect some of the twigs, acorns, leaves, etc. to take inside.</p>	<p><b>Math:</b> Ahead of time, create a gameboard with a grid of different colored leaves. Spin a spinner. Place that many acorns on the gameboard, one on each leaf.</p> <p><b>Art:</b> Nature Collage – Glue all of the nature items found on your nature walk to tagboard.</p>	<p><b>Songs/Movement:</b> 'The Leaves on the Tree'</p>	
		W1, D2	<p><b>Theme Story:</b> <u>Fall Leaves Fall</u> by Zoe Hall</p> <p><b>Theme Related Activity:</b> Sort objects by whether they are geared for fall or for another season. (Exp. rake, sunscreen, sweater, snow boots, etc.)</p>	<p><b>Math:</b> Count and sort leaves - by color, size, and shape.</p> <p><b>Art:</b> Place paper and an acorn with paint inside a covered container. Let your child shake the container and then open to find a painted surprise! Repeat with other colors.</p>	<p><b>Songs/Movement:</b> 'I Know Fall Is Here'</p>	
		W2, D1	<p><b>Theme Story:</b> <u>I Know It's Autumn</u> by Eileen Spinelli</p> <p><b>Theme Related Activity:</b> Make and eat a fall tree! Use one fourth of a graham cracker for the trunk. Have the child spread chocolate frosting over a Ritz cracker for the top. Sprinkle red, orange, and yellow sugar sprinkles on the treetop. Eat!</p>	<p><b>Math:</b> Sort fall objects such as acorns, pinecones, leaves, maple seeds, etc.</p> <p><b>Art:</b> Paint with branches, pinecones, and acorns!</p>	<p><b>Songs/Movement:</b> 'Ten Bright Leaves' (LH p. 14)</p>	
		W2, D2	<p><b>Theme Story:</b> <u>Leaf Jumpers</u> by Carole Gerber</p> <p><b>Theme Related Activity:</b> Place several colors of paper leaves on the floor. Toss a bean bag and then say the color of the leaf that your bean bag landed on.</p>	<p><b>Math:</b> Make a set of 16 cards, all with green leaves on one side and either red, brown, yellow, or orange leaves on the other side. Make sure you have matches for all of the fall colored leaves. Place the leaves on a large tree cutout. Have your child match the fall leaves. When a match is found, the matched set 'falls' to the ground.</p> <p><b>Art:</b> Tear paper to make a fall tree</p>	<p><b>Songs/Movement:</b> 'Red, Yellow, Green and Brown'</p>	

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	W3, D2	<p><b>Theme Story:</b> <u>I Like Pumpkins</u> by Jerry Smath</p> <p><b>Theme Related Activity:</b> Roll various sizes of pumpkins and balls back and forth to your child. Compare how they roll – harder, easier, smoother, wobblier, etc.</p>	<p><b>Math:</b> Precut 5 pumpkin shapes. Have your child attach 1 pumpkin seed to the first pumpkin, 2 seeds to the second pumpkin, and so on.</p> <p><b>Art:</b> Sponge paint a pumpkin shape.</p>	<p><b>Songs/Movement:</b> 'Pumpkin, Pumpkin'</p>	
	W4, D1	<p><b>Theme Story:</b> <u>Pumpkin, Pumpkin</u> by Jean Titherington</p> <p><b>Theme Related Activity:</b> Sequence pictures showing the growth of a pumpkin</p>	<p><b>Math:</b> Make and eat pumpkin pudding!</p> <p><b>Art:</b> Create a pumpkin patch. Have your child place his/her fist in orange paint. Make prints on long paper as many times as desired. Use thumb or fingers dipped in green paint to add leaves to the tops of each pumpkin. Use a green Q-tip to create the vines connecting the pumpkins.</p>	<p><b>Songs/Movement:</b> 'Pumpkins are Growing'</p>	
	W4, D2	<p><b>Theme Story:</b> <u>Plumpy, Dumply Pumpkin</u> by Mary Serfozo</p> <p><b>Theme Related Activity:</b> Make pumpkin cookies using round sugar cookies, orange frosting. Add mini chocolate chips to create the eyes, nose, and a mouth.</p>	<p><b>Math:</b> Fold a sheet of paper into fourths. Label each section with a numeral (1-4). Have your child stamp that many fall related stampers into each section to correspond to the numeral.</p> <p><b>Art:</b> Create a crayon resist. Color hard with jumbo crayons on paper. Paint over the crayon markings with watered down paint.</p>	<p><b>Songs/Movement:</b> 'Jack-O-Happy'</p>	
<p><b>Additional Theme Related Stories:</b> <u>In November</u> by Cynthia Rylant, <u>The Runaway Pumpkin</u> by Kevin Lewis, <u>Oh My, Pumpkin Pie!</u> By Charles Ghigna, <u>How Do You Know It's Fall?</u> by Allan Fowler, <u>Autumn Leaves</u> by Ken Robbins</p>					