

ADOPT A TREE



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LEARNING IS IN OUR NATURE

Nature is a great teacher and getting kids outside to learn and play is good for their brains and bodies. Try this outdoor activity from Project Learning Tree Canada (PLT Canada) – it's safe, fun, and educational!

In this activity, children “adopt” a tree, deepening their awareness of individual trees over time and encouraging a greater understanding and appreciation of their local environment.

The next time you are in your yard or on a walk in a familiar area, invite children to choose a particular tree to observe. Suggest they become better acquainted with it by using their senses of sight, touch, hearing, and smell to describe the tree.

CRITICAL THINKING

Encourage critical thinking by asking:

- Is this tree alive? How do you know?
- How is this tree similar to and/or different from other trees around it?
- How does this tree help the environment around it?



MAKE LEARNING FUN!

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CONNECTING KIDS TO NATURE

ACTIVITIES

Complete the *Adopt a Tree Journal Entry* below.

Revisit this tree on a regular basis throughout the year and in a variety of weather conditions. Have children guess reasons for the changes they see and then predict changes for the future.

ADOPT A TREE JOURNAL ENTRY

Date: _____ Time: _____

Location: _____

Describe the tree: _____

What colour is the bark? _____

Why did you choose this tree? _____

What type of tree is it? _____

TIP: Not sure? Try treebee.ca to help you identify it!

HOW MANY SEASONAL SIGNS CAN YOU FIND?

Fall

- Leaf colour change
- Fallen leaves
- Colder temperatures

Spring

- Birds nesting
- Buds on branches
- New leaves growing
- Warmer temperatures



MY ADOPTED TREE

In the box, draw a picture of your tree or use a crayon or pencil to complete a leaf or bark rubbing.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin blue border, intended for a child to draw a picture of their adopted tree or complete a leaf or bark rubbing.