



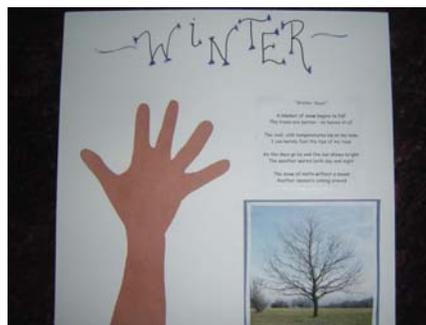
Seasons of My Apple Tree: Winter

(Season's book)

For our next series of craft activities, you and your child will have the opportunity to create a "Seasons" Book together. Your "Seasons" book will focus on how an apple tree changes as the seasons change. You will also get the opportunity to incorporate the kinds of things you and your child think of during these seasons...holidays, family traditions, outdoor activities, etc. For more craft activities and ideas, please visit www.signingtime.com and www.signingtimekids.org

Materials

- White sheet of paper (2)
- Brown construction paper (1)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Marker
- Magazines and/or newspapers



Book Link

- **It's Winter!** by Linda Glaser
- **Winter** by Nuria Roca

Time to create!

Step 1: Using your brown construction paper, have your child place his/her hand and part of the forearm onto the paper and trace around your child's hand. This is your child's tree! Next, cut out the "tree" and glue it onto your white sheet of paper (either to the right or left of the center.) Discuss with your child the changes that occur in the winter to an apple tree. For example, there are no apples. The branches are barren - they have no leaves. Be sure to label this page "Winter."

Step 2: If weather permits, take your child outside and find a tree that looks the same as the tree your child has created with his/her handprint and take a picture. Glue that picture next to your child's "tree" on the "Winter" page. Below this picture you can write the poem "Winter Days" (below) as a reminder of what happens during this season.





Step 3: Using the second sheet of white paper, create a collage with your child by talking about some of the changes winter brings. You might like to find and cut out those images from magazines, or newspapers. Your child might even like to include family photos of different holidays your family celebrates or outdoor activities your family appreciates. This is a great opportunity to reflect on the special things your family does together during each season while capturing them forever in a “Seasons” book.

“Winter Days”

A blanket of snow begins to fall
The trees are barren – no leaves at all

The cool, cold temperatures nip at my nose
I can barely feel the tips of my toes

As the days go by and the sun shines bright
The weather warms both day and night

The snow all melts without a sound
Another season’s coming around

