

Seasons Come and Go



Children's Sermon



"The grass withers, and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever" (1 Peter 1:24-25)

For today's lesson have several different types of things that represents each season.
Examples: Mittens, plastic flowers, sunscreen and leaf rake.

Look what I have here today. I have mittens. Can you think of a place where you would wear these? That's right, outside when it is cold. Most of the time we wear them in the winter.

What about these flowers? Do we plant them in the winter? NO! We plant flowers in the spring so the spring rain and sunshine can help them grow.

What about this sunscreen? (Hold it up for the children to see.) I am not so sure that we use this in the winter. Does anyone know when we use this? It is important that we use sunscreen to protect our skin from the sun in the summer.

The last thing I have here is a leaf rake. Have any of you ever used one of these? I love to jump into big leaf piles in the fall.

Has anyone figured out how all of these things go together? These are all things that we use during the different seasons: Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall. God created all these different seasons for us to enjoy. Each one has something very special and beautiful about it. Which one is your favorite? (Give the children time to answer.) It tells us in the Bible that God created all things for us to enjoy. This includes the four different seasons. They may change throughout the year, but our mighty God remains the same.



Song: Seasons Come and Go

(Words and Music by Mary Rice Hopkins)

Play and sing the song to introduce the Children's Sermon

The colors are changin' every day
Jump outside we can play
The leaves are falling and I'm a gonna say
It's autumn time

Orange and yellow and red it seems
Harvest time with a little bit of green
We can make a beautiful scene
It's autumn time

CHORUS

Seasons come, seasons go
Through the year I will grow
Winter and spring, summer and fall
Everyone can enjoy them all
Young or old, big, little or small
Seasons come and go

There's a chill a coming 'round
Up in the mountains snow is found
The Christmas bells will make a sound
It's wintertime

Build a snowman, bake a pie
Find the clouds up in the sky
A little more love from you and I
It's wintertime

CHORUS REPEATS

Birds are chirping in the air
There's lots of daffodils to share
The chipmunks play everywhere
It's springtime

The little bitty seeds are popping up
The daisies and the buttercups
My dog grew from just a pup
It's springtime

CHORUS REPEATS

Fourth of July in America
Means wintertime in Australia
Americans say, How are ya
It's summertime

So come with me to the land of the free
With the hills and the mountains and the
sea
Where we found out Liberty...in America
Oh beautiful for spacious skies

CHORUS REPEATS

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Fun With Colors ~ Art

As the seasons change, so do the colors: gold, red, and yellow in the fall, white and grey in the winter, yellow and green in the summer, and many different colors in the spring. Have available all different colors so the children can be creative with them. Let them finger paint, paint with brushes, or drip water colors onto thin paper to watch it spread and mix.

You will need:

- Different colors of paint
- Paper / paper plates / paper coffee filters
- Brushes
- Hand wipes for clean up

Show the children how to mix colors to create different colors.

Harvest Time Activity

For today's activity have available: Pre-cut pumpkin, small t-light candle, a spoon, some towels for mess, and a tub to put the pumpkin goop into.

One of my favorite times of the year is Fall. There are so many changes that happen around me. God gives us beautiful leaves that fall off the tree, cool crisp air to breathe, and bright orange pumpkins in the fields.

How many of you like to go out to a pumpkin field and pick the biggest pumpkin out there? One thing about pumpkins, they don't just stay as a round pumpkin. You can turn it into a pumpkin pie, cookies, or even a smiling face to put out on your porch. Have you ever looked inside of a pumpkin to see what is in it? Let's open one up and take a look. (Allow all the children a chance to look inside.) YUCK... it sure looks yucky! How do you think something so yucky can turn into something so good?

God does that with us. We sometimes have "yucky" stuff in our hearts that needs to be cleaned out so we can shine for Him. What do you think some of that yucky stuff could be? (Give the children time to think about this and share their ideas. If they get stuck, help them out. (Not obeying, hurting someone, stealing, telling a lie...etc.) As they share, scoop out some of the insides of the pumpkin till it is all clean. Insert the t-candle and light it and show them how the smiley face can now shine through like Christ's love shines through us when we are clean.

Snack Time
Something Sweet from Something Yucky

Pumpkin Pie or Pumpkin Bars or Pumpkin Cookies

Talk about how God makes something beautiful out of our lives even when we have dirty and yucky hearts. Just like these pumpkin pies, bars, or cookies. They once sat in the field in the dirt and mud till someone picked them and made something sweet from them.



Closing Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father: Thank you for your promise that is still true today. You told us that you will always remain the same, and we can still see that promise today. Thank you for the different seasons and what each one brings us.

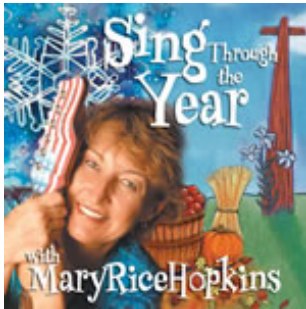
In your Son's name, Amen

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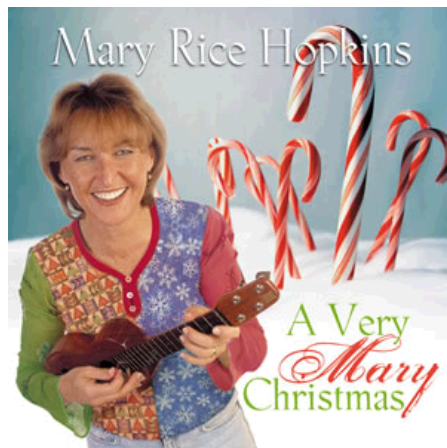


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- Christmas Blessing

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