

Crafts 'n Snacks

A Monthly Series from Keepsake Curriculum

September

Craft Theme: Apples

Snack: Apple Crisp

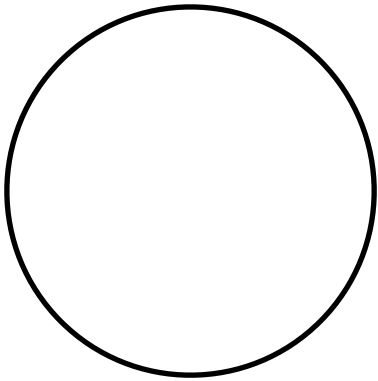
Story Ideas:

- "Ten Apples Up On Top" by Dr. Seuss
- "The Biggest Apple Ever" by Steven Kroll
- "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein

Little Red House Riddle

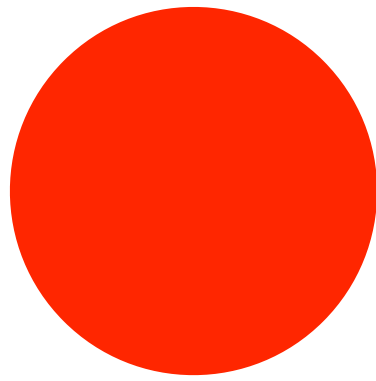
Cut out the cards. Flip them over one at a time, taking guesses as to what the answer is. Do not reveal the last card, which holds the answer. Wait until you read aloud the accompanying story.

What is round...



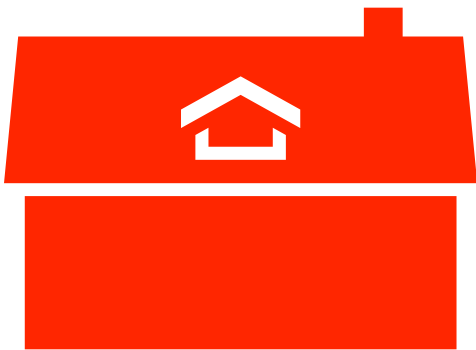
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and red...



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has no windows...



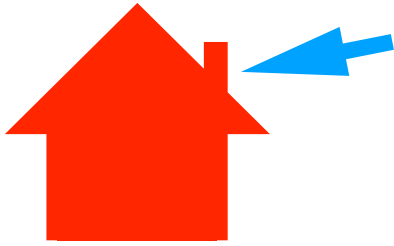
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has no door...



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*has a chimney
on top...*



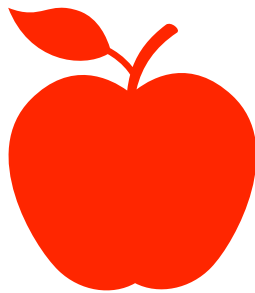
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*and a star
inside?*



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An apple!



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The Little Red House Story

This story is meant to be read aloud, cutting open an apple at the story's end to reveal the star inside.

Origin of the story is unknown. Adapted by Michelle Jansma

Once upon a time, there was a little boy who was tired of all his toys and tired of all his play. "What should I do?" he asked his mother. And his mother, who always seemed to know what to do, told him, "Go on a journey and find a little red house with no doors and no windows and a star inside." This really made the little boy wonder. His mother usually had good ideas, but he thought that this one was very strange. "Which way should I go?" he asked his mother. "I don't know where to find a little red house with no doors and no windows and a star inside." His mother answered, "Go down the road passed the farmer's house and over the hill. Hurry back as soon as you can and tell me what you find!"

So the little boy put on his cap and his jacket and started out on his journey. He had not gone very far when he saw a young girl playing in the sunshine. "Do you know where I can find a little red house with no doors and no windows and a star inside?" asked the little boy. The girl laughed, "Ask my father, the farmer," she said. "Perhaps he knows."

So the little boy went on until he came to the great, big barn where the farmer was standing in the doorway. "Excuse me, Sir. Do you know where I can find a little red house with no doors and no windows and a star inside?" the little boy asked the farmer. The farmer laughed too. "I have lived a great many years, and I have never seen one. But go ask Granny, who lives at the bottom of the hill. She knows how to make molasses, taffy, popcorn balls, and even red mittens! Maybe she can help you."

So the little boy went on farther still, until he came to Granny at the bottom of the hill, sitting in her rocking chair. "Please, dear Granny," said the little boy. "Where can I find a little red house with no doors and no windows and a star inside?" asked the boy. Granny was knitting a red mitten, and when she heard the little boy's question, she laughed cheerfully, "I would like to find that little house myself. I would be warm when the cold night comes and the starlight would be prettier than a candle. But ask the wind who blows about so much and listens at all the chimneys. Perhaps the wind can help you."

So the little boy politely thanked Granny and went on up the hill rather sorrowfully. He wondered if his mother, who usually knew almost everything, had perhaps made a mistake. The wind was coming down the hill as the little boy climbed up. As they met, the wind whistled in his ear, pushed him forward, and dropped a pretty leaf into his hand. "I wonder," thought the little boy, after they had gone along together for awhile, "if the wind could help me find a little red house with no doors and no windows and a star inside." The wind cannot speak in our words, but it kept blowing ahead of the little boy until it came to an orchard. There it began to shake the branches of an apple tree. When the little boy caught up, there on the ground lay a large, rosy apple.

The little boy picked up the apple. It was as much as his two hands could hold. It was red as the sun had been able to paint it, and the thick brown stem stood up as straight as a chimney, and it had no doors and no windows. But was there a star inside?

The little boy called to the wind, "Thank you!" And the wind seemed to whistle back, "You're welcome." Then the little boy hurried home and gave the apple to his mother. "Look!" He said, "It's a little red house with no windows and no door!" His mother smiled, "But where is the star?" His mother took the apple and a knife **(at this point, start cutting an apple crosswise)**, and cut the apple through the center. Oh, how wonderful! There inside the apple, lay a star holding five brown seeds.

"It is too wonderful to eat without looking at the star, isn't it?" the little boy said to his mother. "Yes, it is," smiled his mother. "But how did the star get inside of the apple?" asked the little boy. "God put it there," his mother said, "It's His star."

(Return to the riddle cards and ask for the answer to the riddle. Flip the final card to reveal, of course, an apple!)

***Save the seeds!**

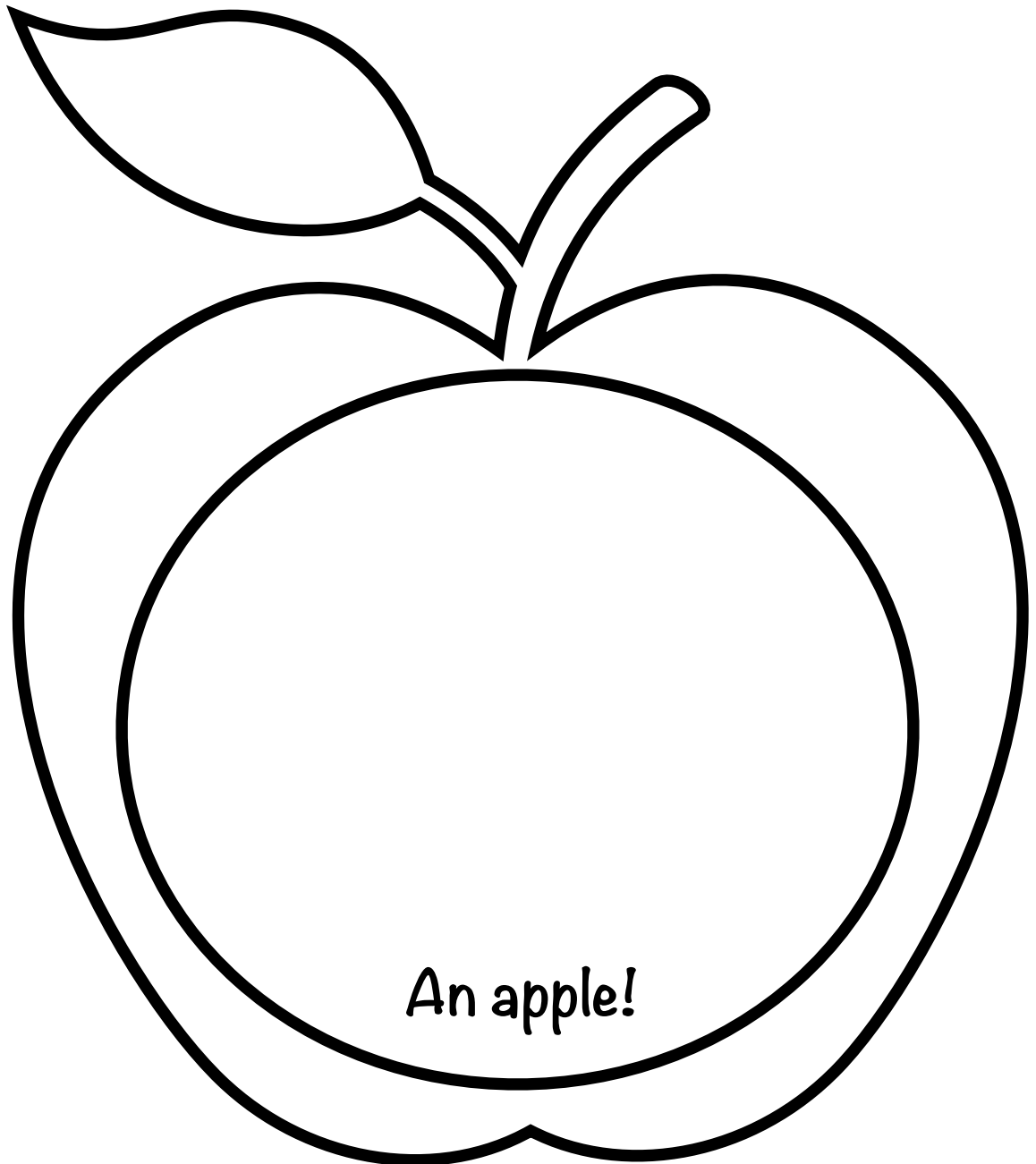


Apple Craft

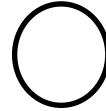
Color the edge of the apple (the peel) in red, green, or yellow (apple colors). Also color the stem and leaf.

Glue the seeds from your apple into the middle of the apple in the shape of a star. Color the cover to match. Cut out both apple pieces. Fold the top piece on the line. Use a glue stick to glue the two sections together into a book.

Glue here (fold cover on line)



What is round...



And red...



Has no windows...



Has no door...



Has a chimney on top...

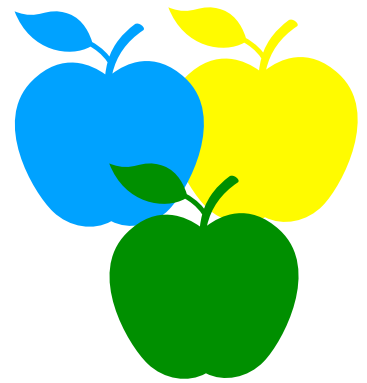


And a star inside?



Name _____

Apple Crisp



Crisp Ingredients:

5 1/2 cups peeled, cored, and sliced cooking apples (Granny Smith, McIntosh, Jonathan)

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1/4 cup packed brown sugar

3 Tablespoons flour

1 tsp ground cinnamon

1/4 tsp nutmeg

1/8 tsp salt

Topping Ingredients:

3/4 cup flour

1/4 cup granulated sugar

1/4 packed brown sugar

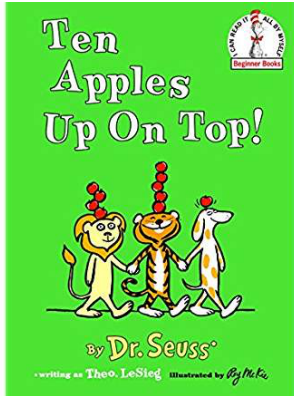
1 stick cool butter

Directions:

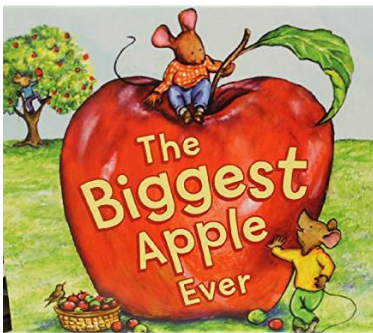
1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees
2. In a large bowl, mix sliced apples, both sugars, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt.
3. Pile into a greased 8x8 baking dish.
4. Prepare topping: in a medium bowl, with a pastry blender or fork, mix flour, sugars, and butter until coarsely crumbled.
5. Sprinkle over apples.
6. Bake for 50-60 minutes.
7. Eat it up!

* This recipe was adapted from a Dutch Apple Pie recipe at food.com

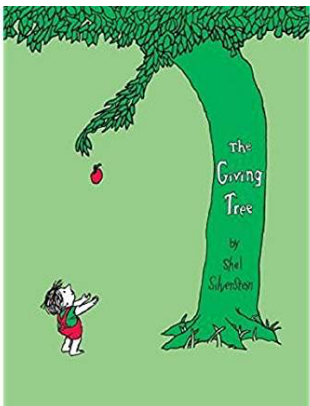
Apple Read-Alouds for Kids



"Ten Apples Up On Top" by Dr. Seuss - In this fun counting story, a dog, lion, and tiger try to outdo each other by balancing more apples than the other as they do crazy things like tightrope and rollerskating! A cute, fun story by Dr. Seuss (who actually wrote under the pen name of Theo LeSieg as well!)



"The Biggest Apple Ever" by Steven Kroll - Clayton and Desmond, the adorable mouse friends, are back in this cute addition to the series. They are learning about apples at school and are determined to find the biggest one! See what kind of fun awaits them as Clayton and Desmond once again learn to work together.



"The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein - The classic story of the boy who becomes friends with an apple tree. The little boy loves playing with the tree, and the tree is happy. But over the years, the boy comes less and less to play, and instead only comes to see his tree friend when he needs something. The tree, however, continues to give and give until she is only a stump. Will the young boy, now an old man, have one last chance to make the tree happy after all she's given him?