

Crafts 'n Snacks

A Monthly Series from Keepsake Curriculum

October

Craft: Colors of Fall Leaf Craft

Snack: Chocolate Kiss Acorns

Story Ideas:

"Little Acorn" by Igloo Books

"The Leaf Thief" by Alice Hemming

"Fall Leaves: Colorful and Crunchy" by Martha E.H. Rustad

"The Golden Acorn" by Katy Hudson

Colors of Fall Leaf Craft

This colorful project is a great way to get your child thinking about color and the things that make Fall such a fun time of year!

Materials:

Template printouts

9x12 Construction paper (red, orange, yellow, and brown)

Glue stick

Colored Pencils

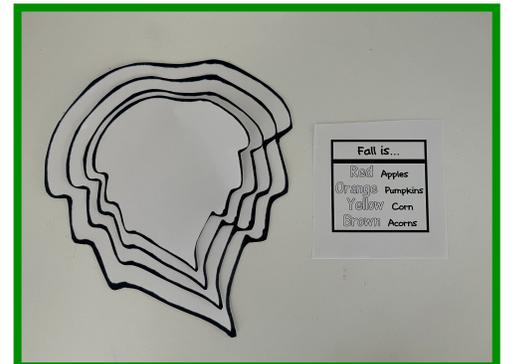
Scissors

Instructions:

1. Print and cut out templates and "Fall is" box.
2. Trace leaf templates onto corresponding construction paper and cut out each leaf.
3. Use the glue stick to glue the yellow leaf onto the brown leaf.

4. Glue the remaining leaves - orange on yellow & red on orange.

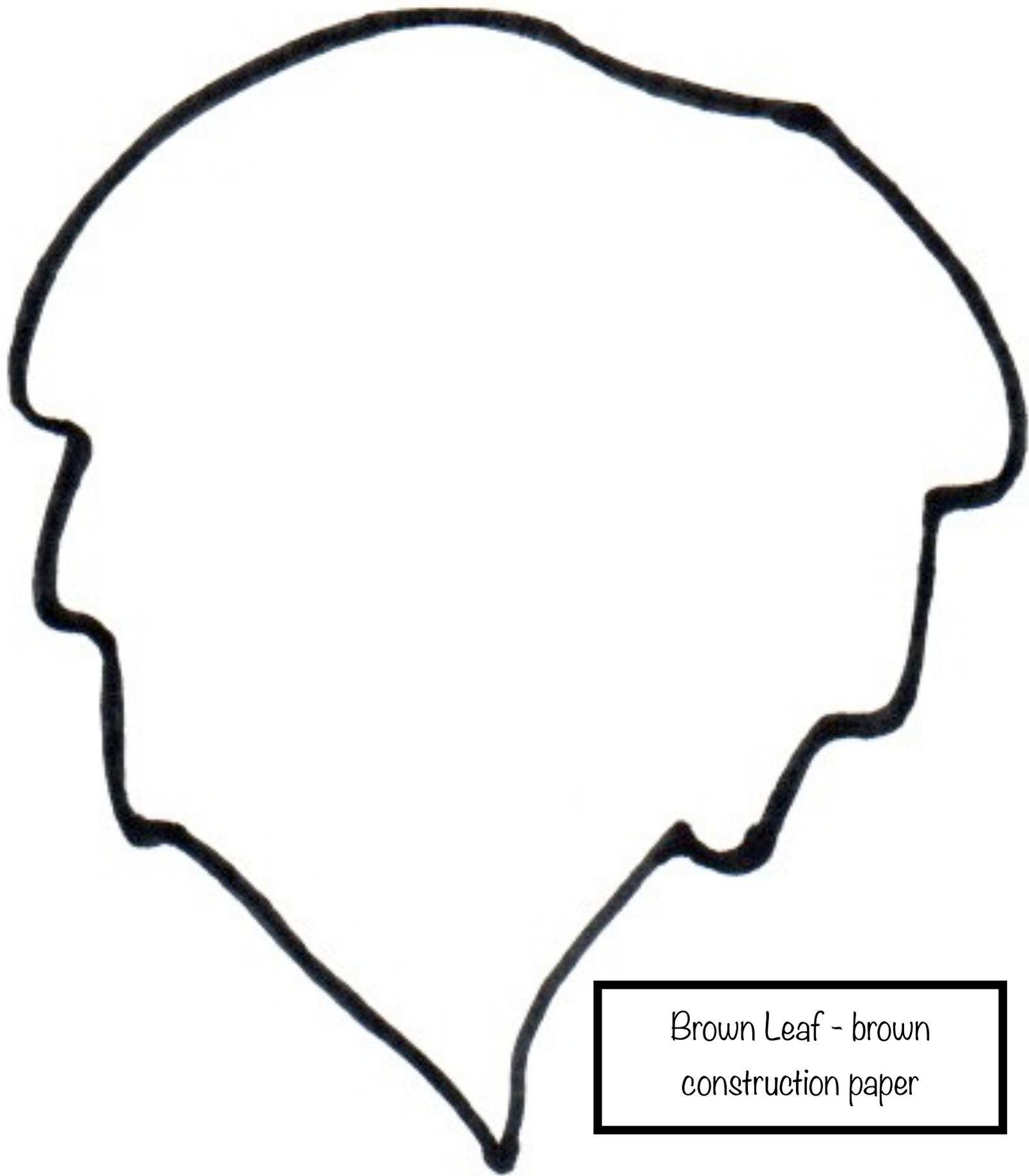
5. Color the words on the "Fall is" box with the matching colored pencil.



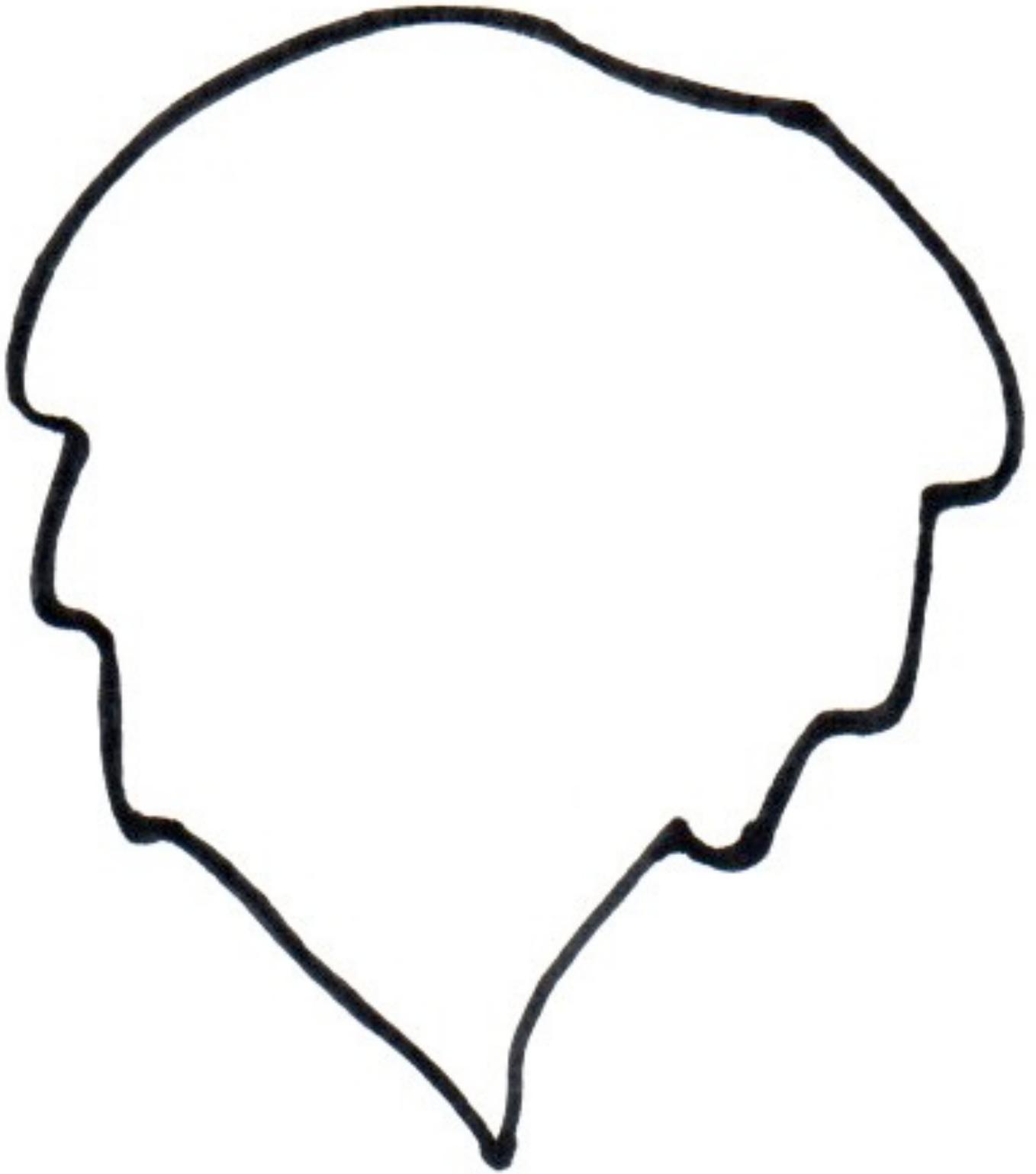


6. Cut and glue the "Fall is" box onto the middle of the red leaf.
7. Cut a small piece of brown construction paper to be the leaf stem; glue to the top of the brown leaf.

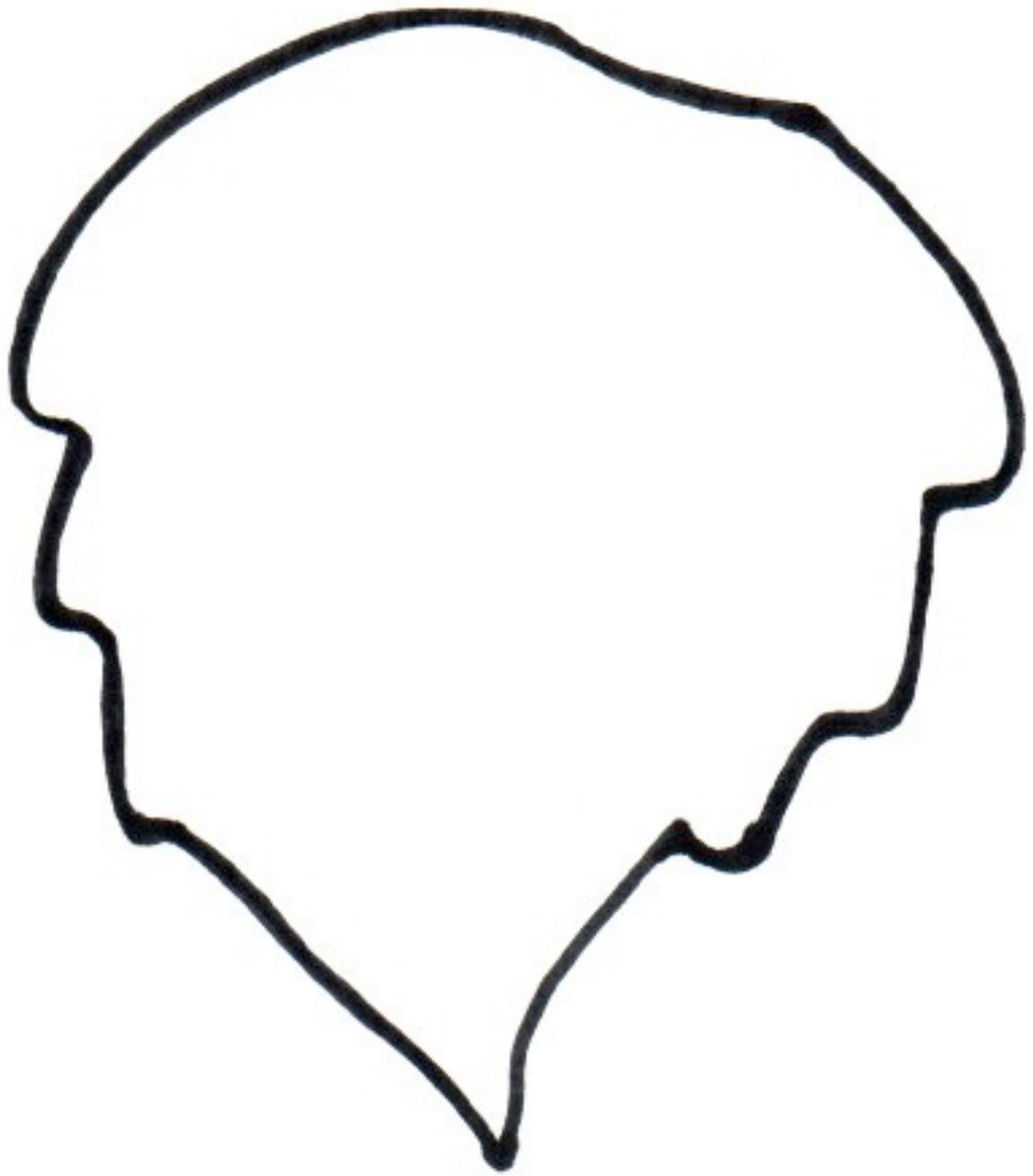




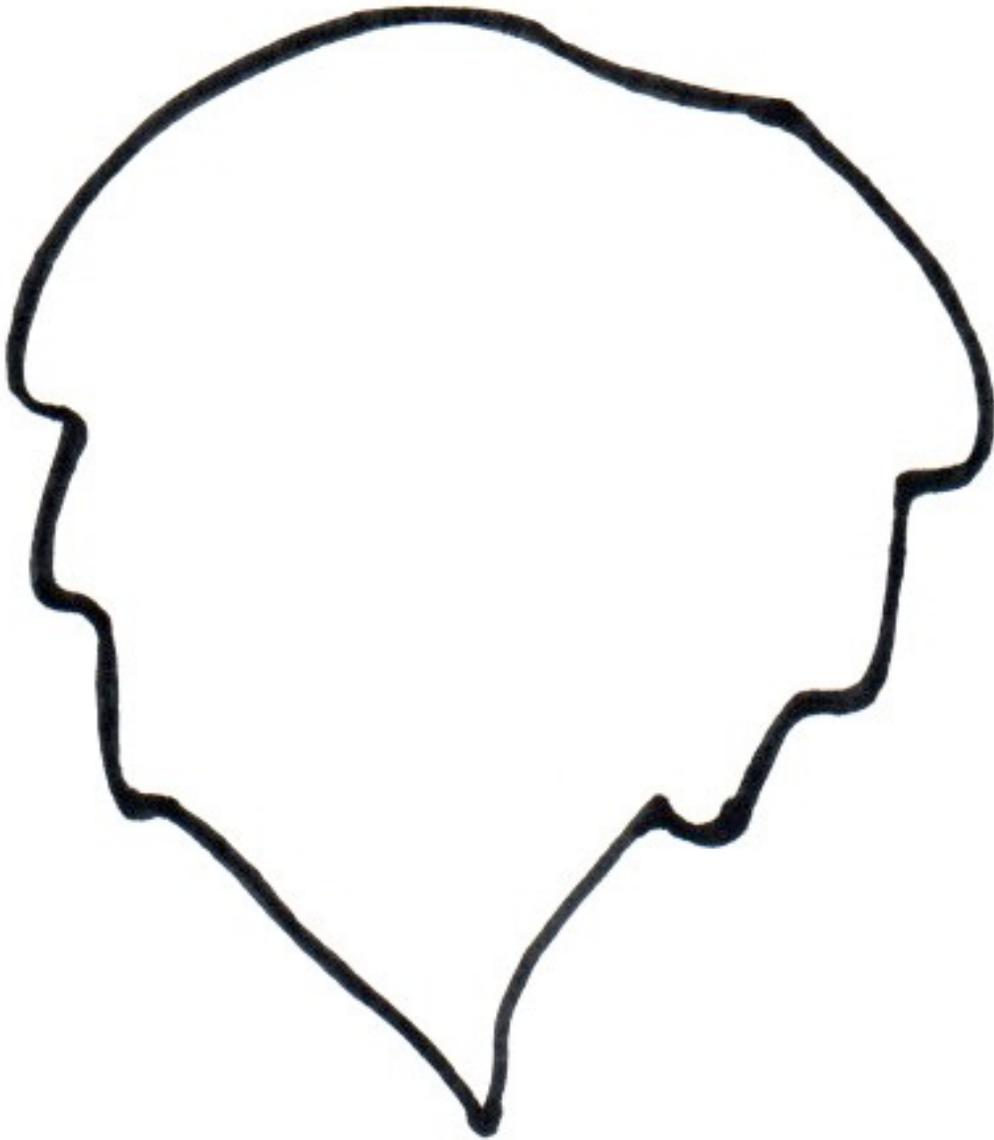
Brown Leaf - brown construction paper



Yellow Leaf - yellow
construction paper



Orange Leaf - orange
construction paper



Red Leaf - red construction
paper

Fall is...

Red Apples

Orange Pumpkins

Yellow Corn

Brown Acorns

Chocolate Kiss Acorns

Ingredients:

Chocolate Frosting

Equal amounts Nilla wafer cookies, Hershey's Kisses (unwrapped), and mini chocolate chips (ie, if you want to make 10 acorns, you will need 10 wafer cookies, 10 chocolate kisses, and 10 mini chocolate chips)

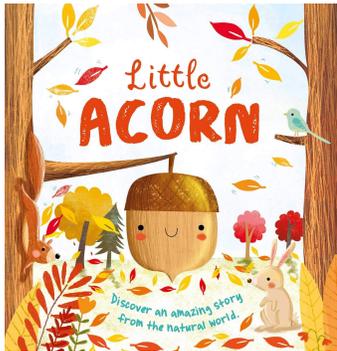
Directions:

1. Spread chocolate frosting on the flat side of chocolate kisses and "glue" to the bottom of wafer cookies.
2. Dip a mini chocolate chip into frosting and stick onto the middle of the wafer cookie as the acorn stem.

* This recipe was adapted from bellyful.net

Fall Read-Alouds for Kids

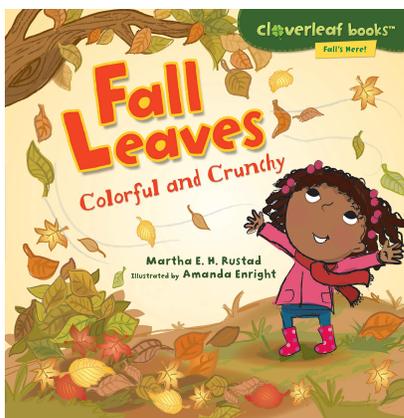
****Note to Parents: These books are merely suggestions. Keepsake Curriculum does not endorse or review them. Research as necessary before reading with your children****



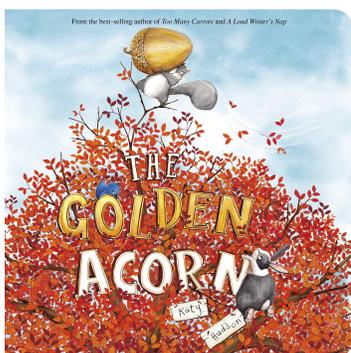
“Little Acorn” by Igloo Books - An Igloo Books bestseller! Have you ever wondered what happens when a little acorn becomes a big oak tree? This beautifully illustrated story will delight children and parents alike, and also offers a perfect introduction to the life cycle of trees. (Amazon description)



“The Leaf Thief” by Alice Hemming - Squirrel loves counting the leaves on his tree--red leaves, gold leaves, orange, and more. But hold on! One of his leaves is missing! On a quest to find the missing leaf, Squirrel teams up with his good friend Bird to discover who the leaf thief could be among their forest friends. With vibrant art and captivating characters, the magic of autumn is captured beautifully on each page as readers tag along Squirrel's forest adventure. Is there truly a leaf thief afoot, or is something else going on in Squirrel's forest? A perfect exploration of change--both seasonal, and the anxiety that change sometimes causes. (Amazon description)



“Fall Leaves: Colorful and Crunchy” by Martha E.H. Rustad - Look at all the brightly colored trees! Fall weather causes leaves to change colors. Follow a leaf as it grows, changes color, and falls to the ground. Let's grab a rake! What happens in fall? Find out in the **Fall's Here!** series, part of the Cloverleaf Books™ collection. These nonfiction picture books feature kid-friendly text and illustrations to make learning fun! (Amazon description)



“The Golden Acorn” by Katy Hudson - Whoosh! Squirrel takes off at full speed through the autumn leaves. But pump the brakes, because this year The Golden Nut Hunt race it is a team event. Squirrel reluctantly enlists her friends and is not impressed. Will Squirrel's competitive spirit take over or will she learn how to be a team player? Best-selling author Katy Hudson (Too Many Carrots and A Loud Winter's Nap) proves that winning isn't everything in this energetic picture book about friendship, teamwork, and forgiveness -- and that's something to go nuts about! (Amazon description)