

# Nature walk & Leaf Rubbing

## Supplies Needed:

- leaves of different shapes and sizes
- crayons or oil pastels
- lightweight paper
- magnifying glass\* optional

## Directions:

Nature walk- take a nature walk outside and ask your children to talk about what they see. Point out different things out like animals (birds, squirrels, etc) and plants (trees, flowers, budding leaves, etc).

Discuss how in the Big God Story you all learned that God created the entire world. Collect leaves and complete the leaf rubbing activity below to see Gods handiwork.



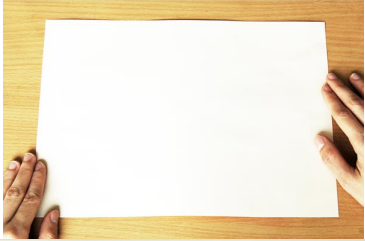
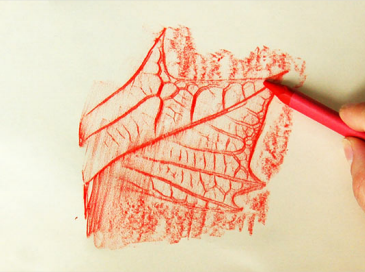

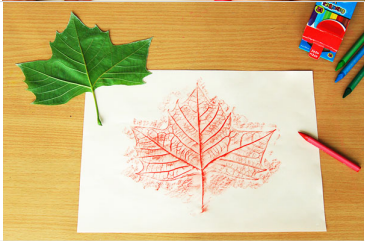

## Points to discuss:

- each leaf is different in size and shape - none of them are exactly the same!
- God created the whole world and He put so much thought into every detail!
- Same goes for God creating people. No two people are exactly the same! That is how God showed us that he loved us, by creating us uniquely!



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## Leaf Rubbing Steps

			<p><b>Collect leaves.</b></p> <p>Collect leaves of various shapes and sizes. You can use fresh leaves or dried fallen ones.</p>
			<p><b>Position a leaf.</b></p> <p>Place a leaf with its bottom side facing up.</p>
			<p><b>Place paper over the leaf.</b></p> <p>Put a sheet of paper, preferably thin or lightweight, over the leaf.</p>
			<p><b>Rub a crayon.</b></p> <p>Rub the side of a crayon or an oil pastel gently on the area over the leaf. As you do this, you'll see the colored areas start to take the shape of the leaf.</p>
			<p><b>Rub over the entire leaf.</b></p> <p>Continue until you've rubbed over the entire leaf.</p>
			<p><b>Remove the leaf.</b></p> <p>Remove the leaf from under the paper. This completes the basic steps for making a leaf rubbing.</p>
			<p><b>Make more leaf rubbings.</b></p> <p>Make more leaf rubbings using other colors and different leaf shapes.</p>