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Themes

Cooling Down

As fall changes to winter, the children will find seasonal changes fascinating. Snuggle up as the weather cools down and explore ways that animals and humans prepare for winter and how trees and plants change.

Barnyard Bash

Life on the farm is filled with adventure! In this theme, children will investigate all aspects of farm life, including animals, barns, harvesting crops, farming jobs, and equipment.

Five Super Senses

The winter and holiday seasons call upon our senses in special ways. Whether it's the lights of decorations, the scent of fresh-baked cookies, or the warmth of a soft scarf, there's so much to see, smell, feel, hear, and taste this time of year. This theme explores it all and offers helpful child development tips about the senses!

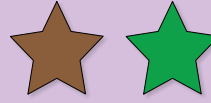
Merry Memories

Capture this special time of year by making merry memories! Children will dance, sing, and play games to celebrate holidays, the new year, and your time together.

Vocabulary

den, geese, groundhog, barn, tractor, hay, smelling, seeing, touching, tree, gifts, lights

Colors/Shapes



Opposites

on/off

Sign Language



book

Place palms together. Open hands like a book, with pinkies touching.



banana

Pretend to peel raised index finger twice.



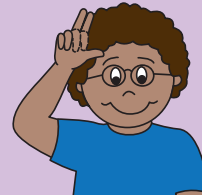
dog

Snap fingers twice using thumb and middle finger.



cat

Pinch together index finger and thumb near cheek as if pulling whiskers.



horse

Place thumb above your temple. Bend and unbend first two fingers like a horse's ear twitching.



bunny

Place fists on top of head. Move fingers up and down like bunny ears twitching.

Learn with Me!

• Finish the Sentence

Explore weather changes as you engage in short conversations with your child. Go for a walk around your neighborhood to point out changes in plants, flowers, and trees. Begin a short sentence and let your child finish it with a word of their choosing. You may say something like, "The leaves are _____," or "The weather feels _____."

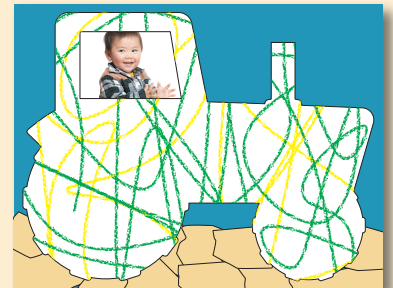
• Singing and Dancing

Play seasonal, classic, and holiday songs for a fun music time together. Include props, such as bells, dancing scarves, or toy microphones. Get ready to sing your favorite songs together! Singing and dancing are great ways to make memories with our little ones!

My Project: Farming Tractor

When I bring this project home, we can:

- Talk about how tractors are used on farms.
- Compare tractors with other vehicles. Which vehicles are bigger or smaller than tractors?
- Look for tractors in books about life on the farm.



Graphic is intended to show sample of project. Materials may be substituted or used differently.

