

Get to Know a Tree



Use your senses.

- What colors, patterns and shapes do you **see**?
- Touch different parts of the tree. How do they **feel**?
- Get up close and sniff the tree. How does it **smell**?
- Listen closely. Does the tree make any sounds? Tap or rub a stick against the bark. What sounds can you **hear**?

TINKERGARTEN

Copyright 2023, All Rights Reserved | Highlights for Children, Inc.

Get to Know a Tree



Make a tree rubbing.

- Hold a piece of paper against the bark of a tree.
- Rub the side of a crayon gently over the paper.
- What designs do you see on the paper?
- If there are other trees nearby, make a rubbing on a different tree. How are the designs similar? different?

TINKERGARTEN

Copyright 2023, All Rights Reserved | Highlights for Children, Inc.

Get to Know a Tree



How big is the tree?

- Is your tree the tallest? Shortest? or somewhere in the middle?
- How can you use a piece of string to measure a branch or leaf on the tree?
- How can you use a piece of string to measure how far it is around the trunk of the tree?
- How can you use your hands, arms or feet to measure the trunk, a branch or a leaf of the tree?

TINKERGARTEN

Copyright 2023, All Rights Reserved | Highlights for Children, Inc.

Get to Know a Tree



What other creatures know the tree?

- Do you see or hear any creatures in the tree?
- Can you tell what those creatures do in this tree?
- What clues can you find that tell you creatures enjoy this tree? Do you see nests? Holes in the bark or leaves? Branches that are good for climbing, leaping or perching?
- How might YOU enjoy this tree? Does it make shade? Does it have branches that are good for climbing? Nature treasures to enjoy?

TINKERGARTEN

Copyright 2023, All Rights Reserved | Highlights for Children, Inc.