

Fun Family Ideas and Activities for the book "Our Cherry Tree" by Robert A. Lytle

Activities:

Games: hide and seek using the tree as the safe spot

Countdown to Five Trees, climbing trees, tree houses, more suggestions and rules at the below website.

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/kids-activities-and-games/Outdoor-activities+9/All-you-need-is-a-tree+11965.htm> or at <http://www.wartgames.com/themes/plants/trees.html>

Drawings: there are many websites with different craft/art ideas for drawing or painting a tree. Search for "cherry tree crafts"

Collecting leaves: This is a wonderful website with instructions and templates

<http://www.kidzone.ws/plants/collection.htm>

Can You Bake A Cherry Pie? What ingredients are needed?

Cherries, flour, water, sugar, lard, oven, and a big appetite

Other recipes for cherries: ice cream, cobblers, jams, Jellies, juice,

Why pit the cherries in order to eat them or cook them?

What are the parts of a tree?

Seed, sprout, Roots, trunk, limbs, branches, stems, leaves, blossoms, fruit

What is the life cycle of a tree

Seed in ground, sprout, mature, blossom, life span of a cherry tree

What does a tree need to grow?

Sun, Water, Dirt, Protection from infection and other trauma—weed-whackers, etc.

This is a great family project to go to a nursery or research on the internet from the Farmer's Almanac to grow one in your own backyard.

What are the changes that a cherry tree goes through during the different seasons?

When does the tree blossom?

When do they change color?

Why do leaves fall?

What does the tree do during the winter time?

When do trees grow?

Other books, songs and poems about trees:

(Book) *The Giving Tree*, Shel Silverstein

(Poem) *Trees* by Joyce Kilmer

(Song) *The Cherry Tree Carol* by Francis James Child

This is an excellent website on cherry activities, cooking, painting and drawing

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