



HARVEST WEEK 1



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FORMER & LATTER RAIN

FOCUS

ECCLESIASTES 11:3, JEREMIAH 5:24, HOSEA 6:3,
JOEL 2:23, ZECHARIAH 10:1 & ACTS 14:17

God gives us seasons of rain!
Rain in the winter time and rain
in the spring time!

MATERIALS

Former and Latter Rain picture
Sponge clouds (1 per child)
Calendar coloring page (1 per child)
Leaves coloring pages (1 set per child)
Flowers coloring page (1 set per child)
Umbrella
Well with water
Watering can with water
What Crops Make! coloring page (1 per child)
Thunderstorm (1 set per child)
Rain gauge (1 per child)
Crayons, glue, scissors & tape

ACTIVITIES

1. INTRODUCTION

TALK: Ask the children if they know about the two times it is suppose to rain a lot in Israel!

ACTIVITY: Show children the Former and Latter Rain picture and hang nearby for them to see.

2. RAIN

TALK: Rain is very important! It comes from clouds and gives plants water to help them grow!

ACTIVITY: Have the children fill the sponge clouds with water then squeeze the water out on the grass/plants.

CORRESPONDING VERSE



IF CLOUDS ARE FULL OF
WATER, THEY POUR RAIN
ON THE EARTH.

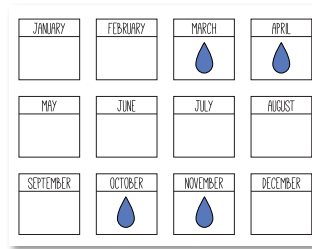
ECCLESIASTES 11:3

ACTIVITIES

3. RAINY TIMES

TALK: The Lord gave the Israelites two times a year where it rained a lot! The first time was in October and November, and it was called the former rains. The second time it rained a lot was in March and April, and those were called the latter rains!

ACTIVITY: Have the children draw raindrops (or color blue) the March, April, October and November squares on the calendar.



CORRESPONDING VERSE

LET US ACKNOWLEDGE THE LORD; LET US PRESS ON TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIM. AS SURELY AS THE SUN RISES, HE WILL APPEAR; HE WILL COME TO US LIKE THE WINTER RAINS, LIKE THE SPRING RAINS THAT WATER THE EARTH.

HOSEA 6:3

4. FORMER RAIN

TALK: In the fall, right before it was cold, there would be 2 months of rain called the former rains!

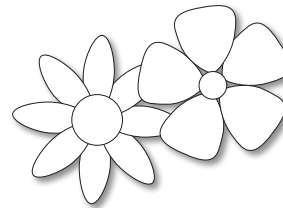
ACTIVITY: Have the children color the leaf cut outs, then have them stand under an umbrella with leaves coming down on top of them!



5. LATTER RAIN

TALK: After winter, in the spring time, there would be 2 months of rain called the latter rains!

ACTIVITY: Have the children color the flower cut outs, then have them stand under the umbrella with flowers coming down on top of them!



6. WATER

TALK: There were times where it rained a lot, because in the land of Israel rain was needed to help the crops grow!

ACTIVITY: Have the children get water from a well and put the water on a plant. Then water the same plant with a watering can (representing rain) and show them how much faster it is to water everything when the rain does it!

LET US FEAR THE LORD OUR GOD, WHO GIVES AUTUMN AND SPRING RAINS IN SEASON, WHO ASSURES US OF THE REGULAR WEEKS OF HARVEST.

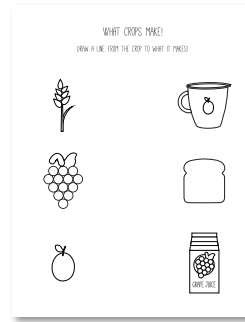
JEREMIAH 5:24

ACTIVITIES

7. KINDNESS

TALK: The Lord shows kindness by giving us rain so that the crops can grow!

ACTIVITY: Give each child a What Crops Make! coloring page and have them draw a line from the crop to the finished product.



CORRESPONDING VERSE

YET HE HAS NOT LEFT HIMSELF WITHOUT TESTIMONY: HE HAS SHOWN KINDNESS BY GIVING YOU RAIN FROM HEAVEN AND CROPS IN THEIR SEASONS; HE PROVIDES YOU WITH PLENTY OF FOOD AND FILLS YOUR HEARTS WITH JOY."

ACTS 14:17

8. ASK FOR RAIN

TALK: There are times of the year that it rains, but we can also ask God for it to rain!

ACTIVITY: Have each child stand in front of a plant, then have them pray for it to rain so that the plant can get water. Afterwards, use the watering can to water the plants they prayed for!

ASK THE LORD FOR RAIN IN THE SPRINGTIME

ZECHARIAH 10:1

9. STORMS

TALK: Not only can the Lord give us rain, but He can give us thunderstorms too!

ACTIVITY: Have each child make a thunderstorm by gluing clouds and lightening to piece of black or gray construction paper.



IT IS THE LORD WHO SENDS THE THUNDERSTORMS.

ZECHARIAH 10:1

10. THANKFUL

TALK: God shows kindness by giving us rain, we can ask for it, and we should be thankful for it!

ACTIVITY: Give each child a Thank You Lord for the Rain rain gauge.



BE GLAD, PEOPLE OF ZION, REJOICE IN THE LORD YOUR GOD, FOR HE HAS GIVEN YOU THE AUTUMN RAINS BECAUSE HE IS FAITHFUL. HE SENDS YOU ABUNDANT SHOWERS, BOTH AUTUMN AND SPRING RAINS, AS BEFORE.

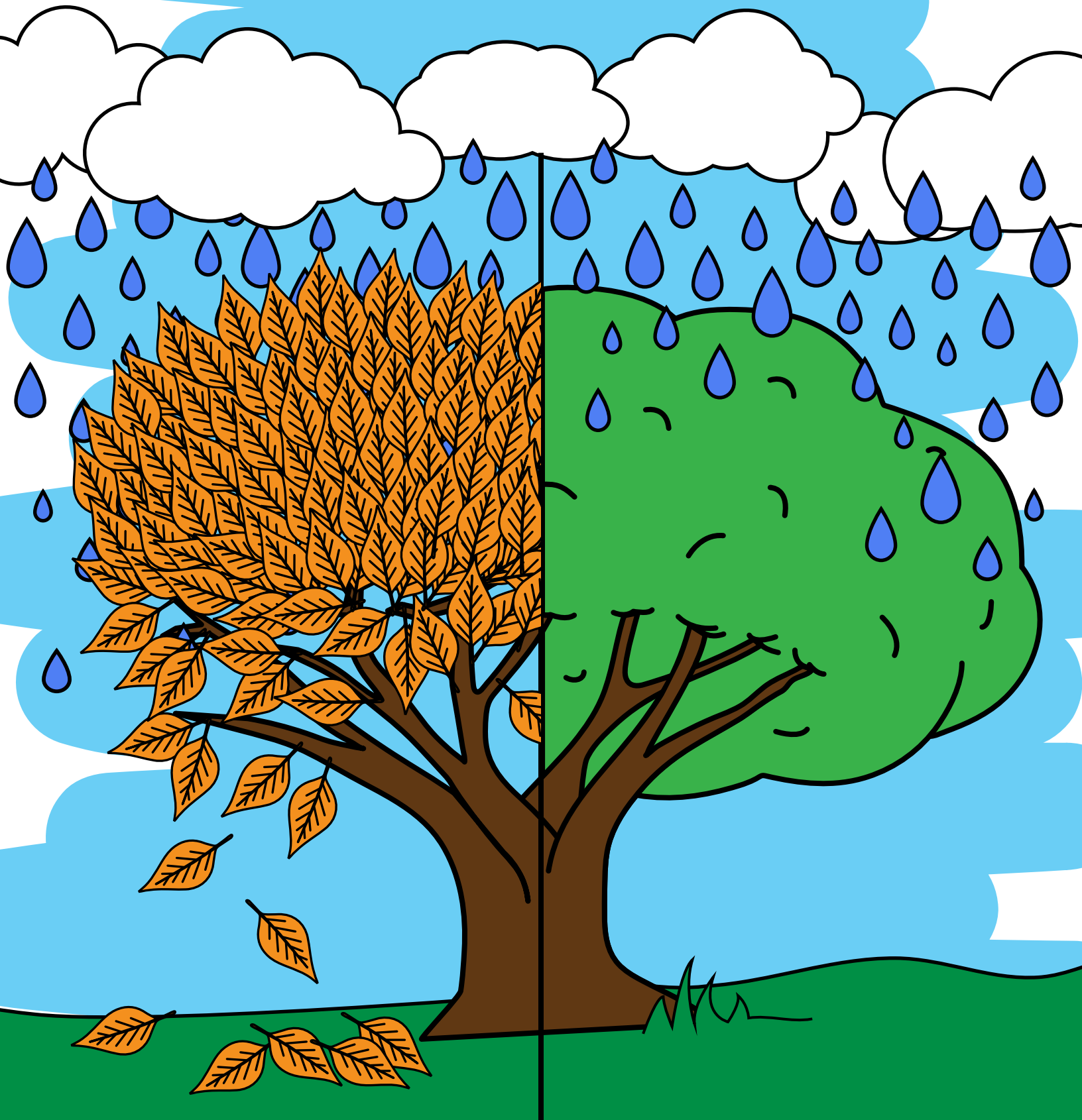
JOEL 2:23

OPTIONAL: Hand out each child a bible verse to take home.

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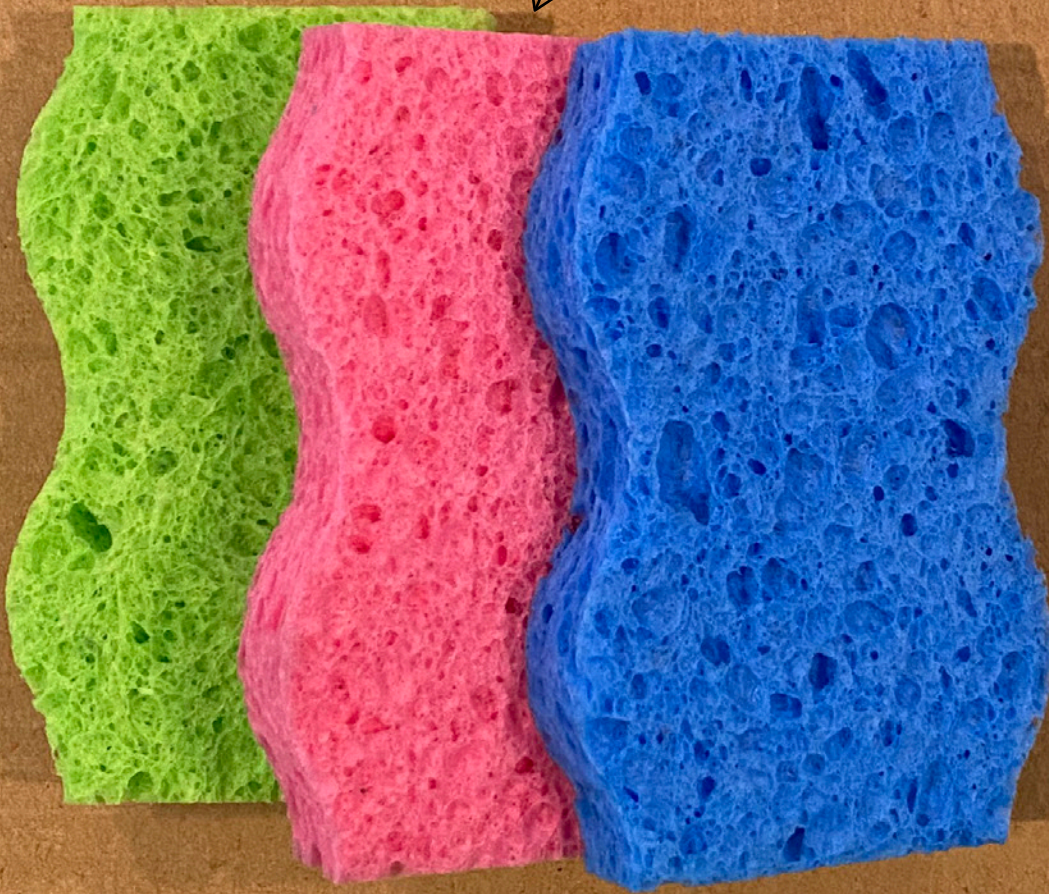
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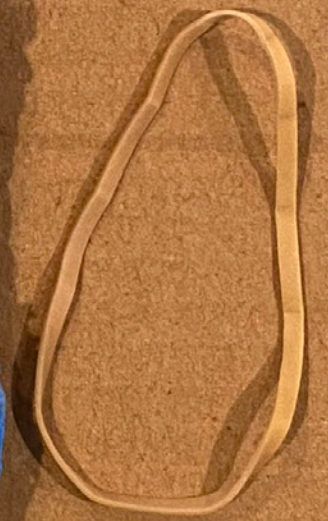


SPONGE CLOUDS

3 SPONGES



RUBBERBAND



SPONGE CLOUDS

CUT EACH SPONGE INTO 4 STRIPS



SPONGE CLOUDS

STACK THE SPONGES
INTO A PILE OF 3X4



SIDE VIEW



TOP VIEW



WRAP THE RUBBERBAND
AROUND THE PILE OF
SPONGES TIGHTLY, AND
ADJUST THE SPONGES
SO THEY STICK OUT

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

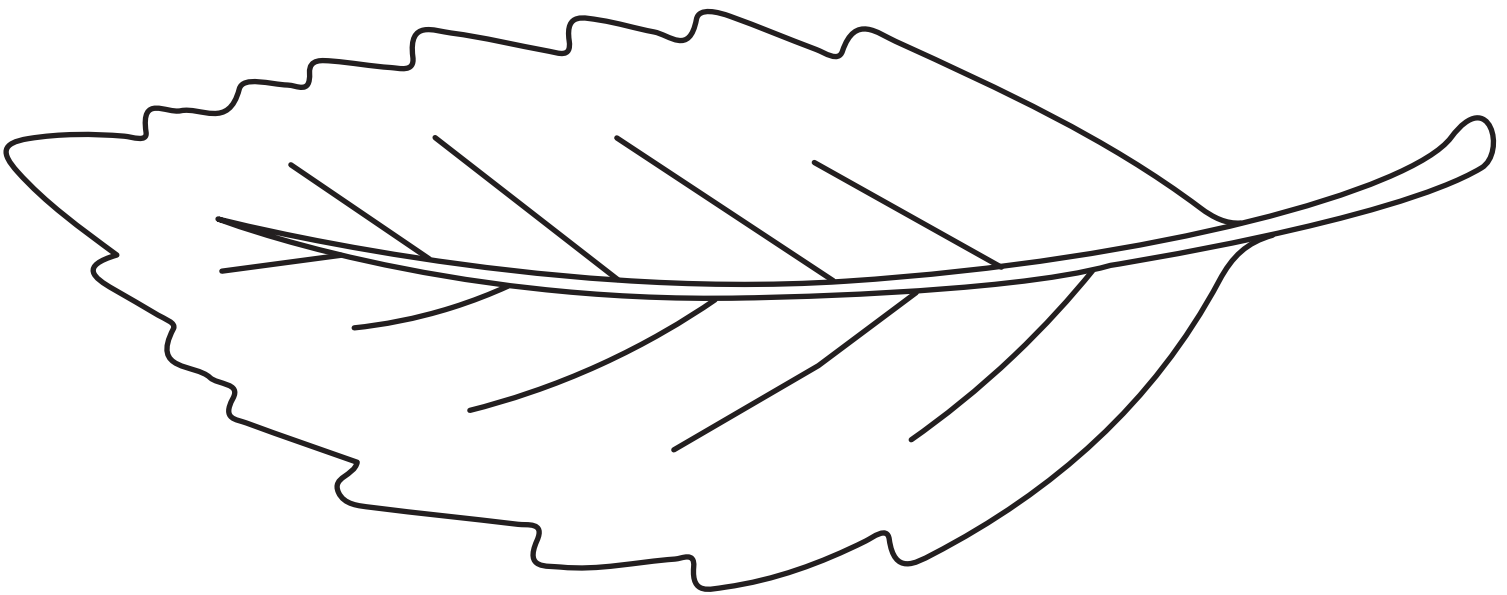
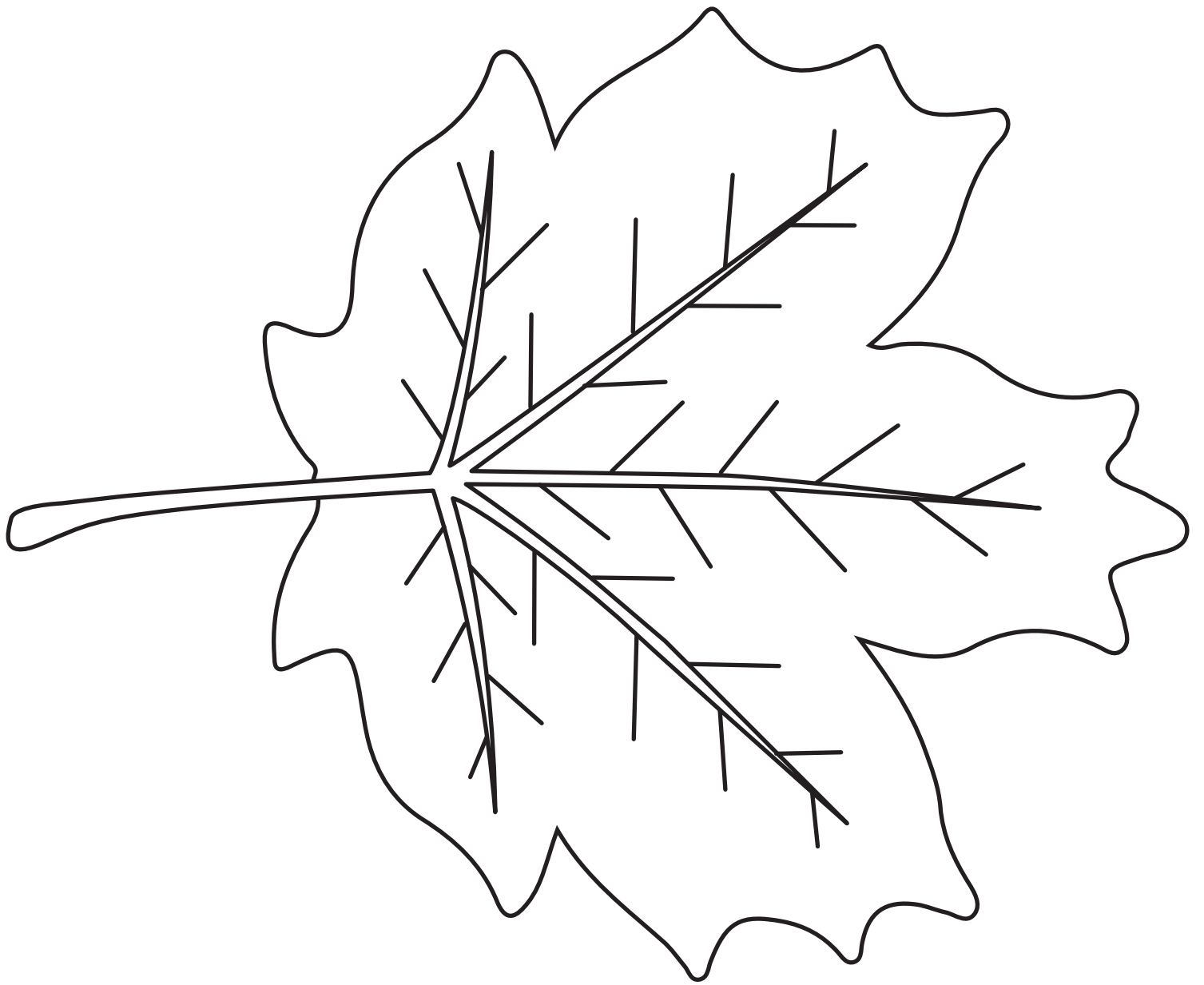
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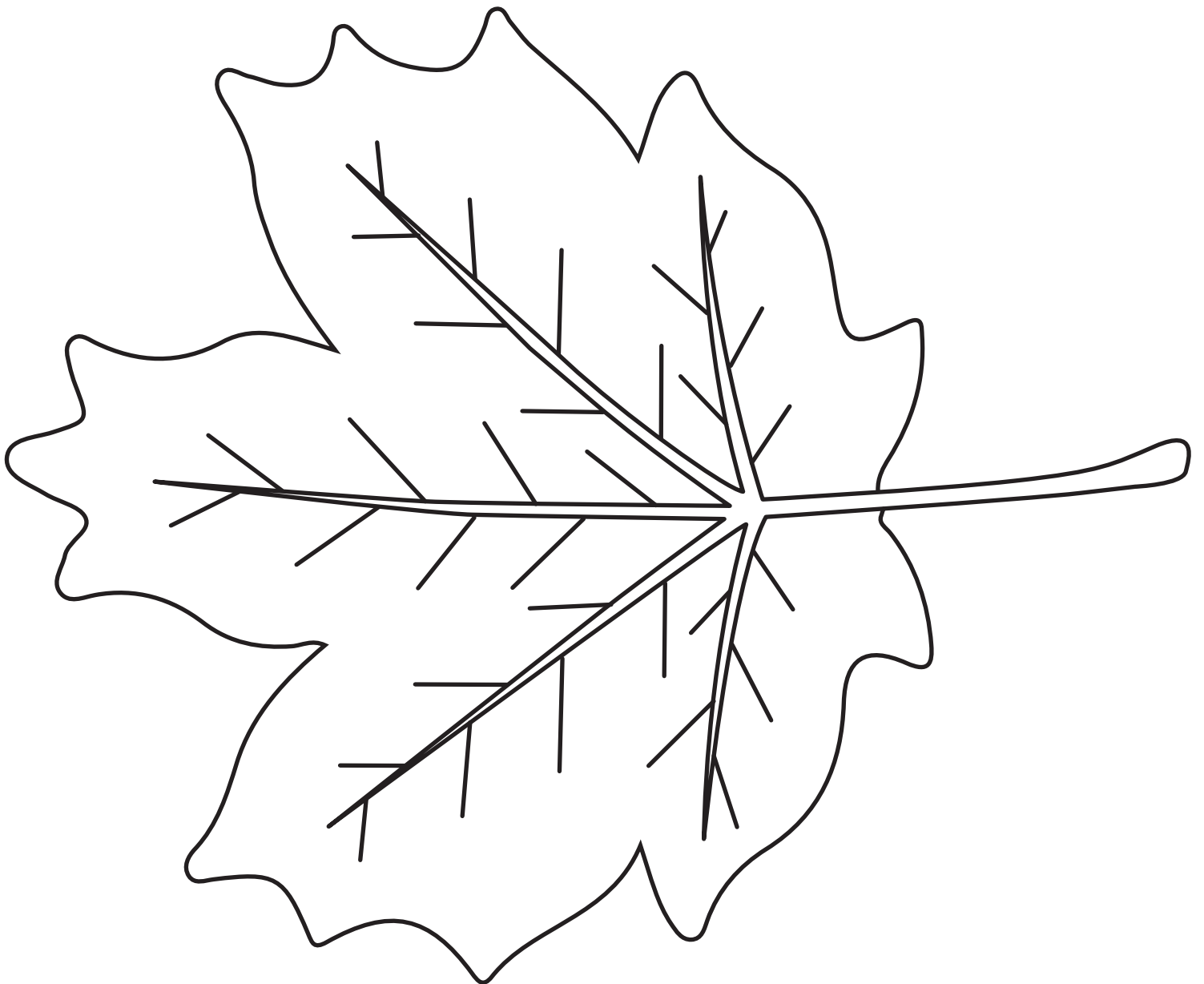
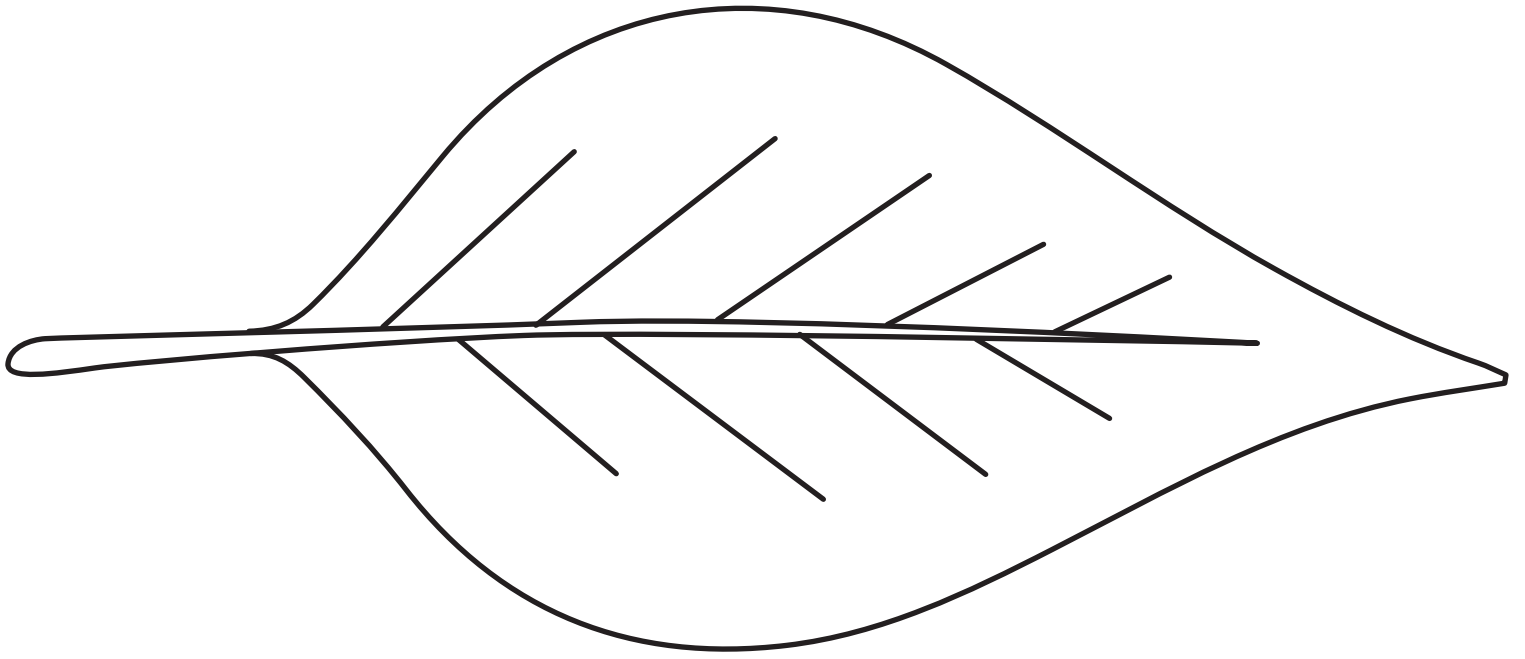
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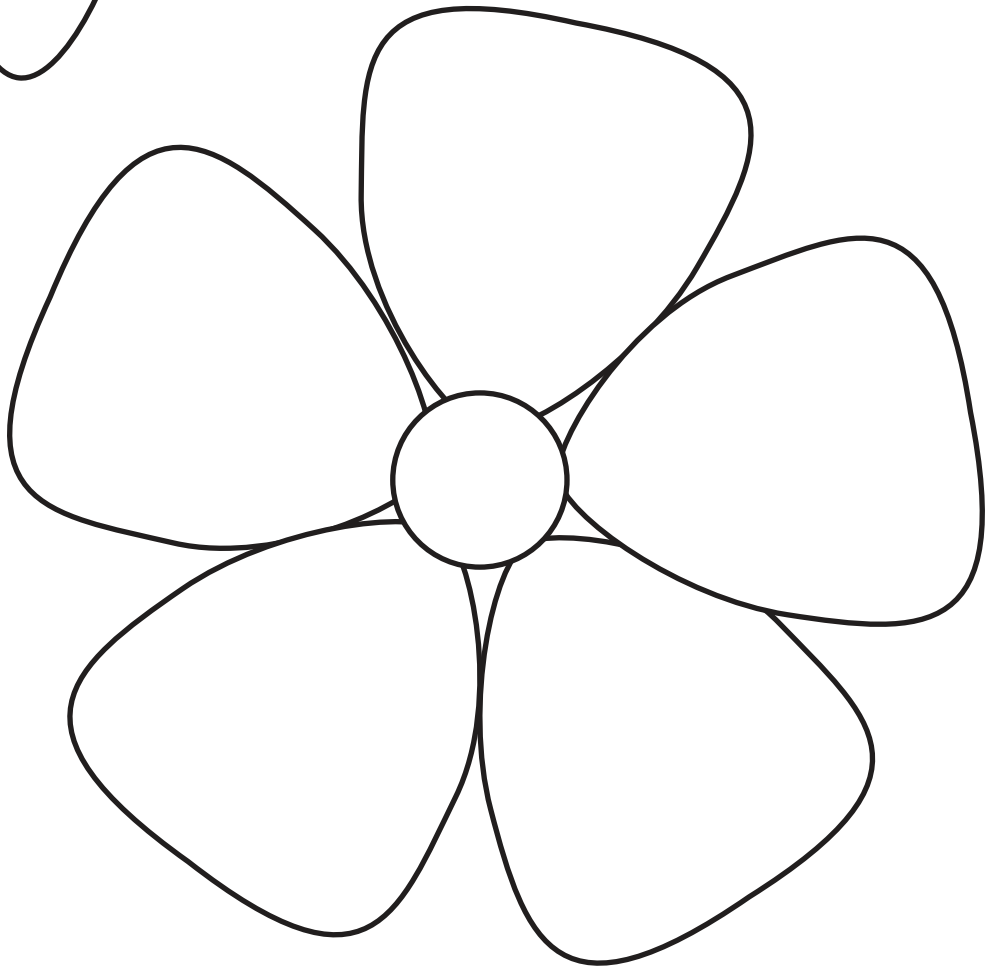
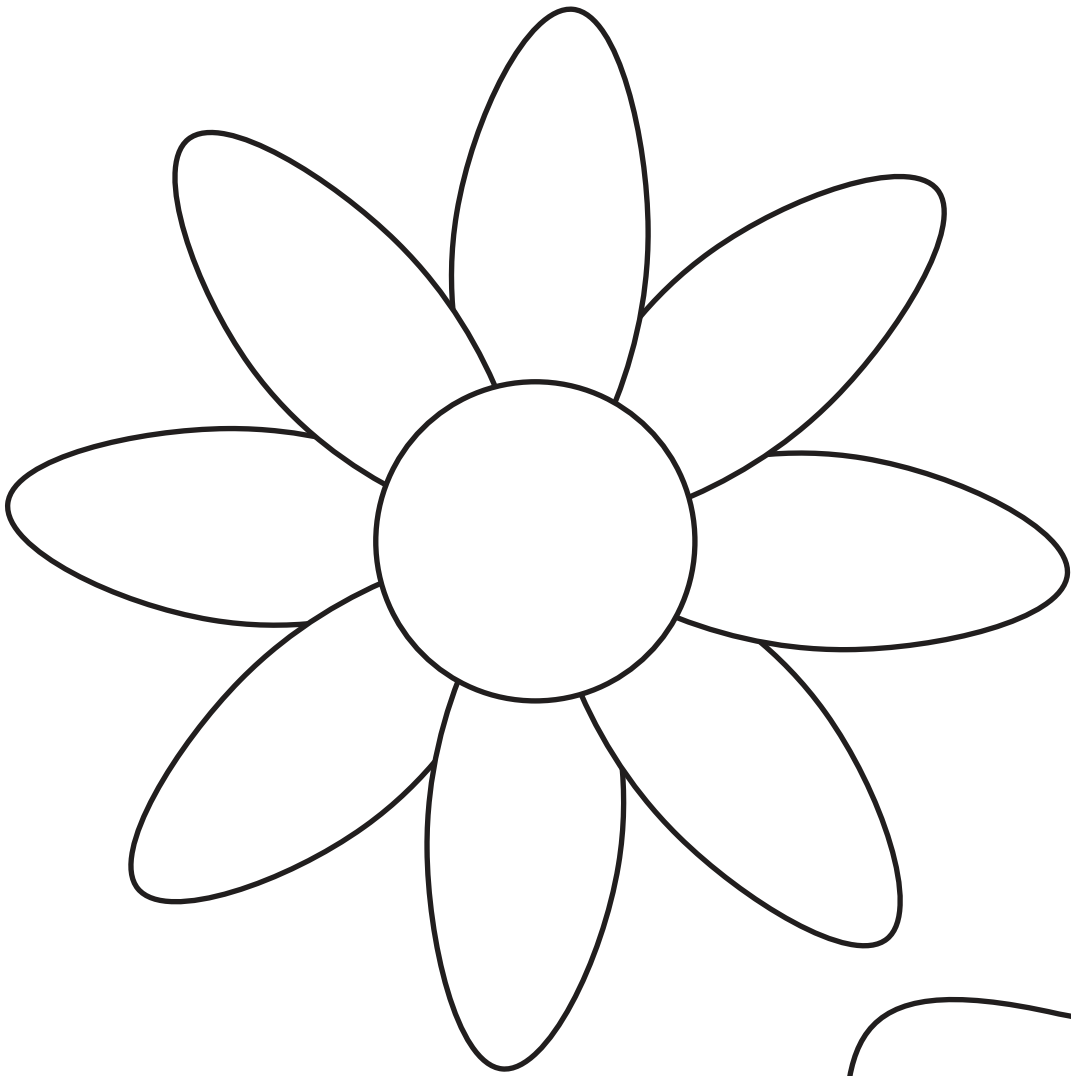
OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER







WELL

I spray painted 2 large pieces of cardboard (the same size) gray. Then I used gorilla tape to tape the two pieces together and bended the pieces in thirds to make a hexagon. Afterwards I used a large black marker to make stone shapes and cut two 1" holes on opposites sides of the cardboard for the wooden dowel to go through. Then I attached a bungee cord to the dowel with a screw and the other end of the dowel to the bucket.

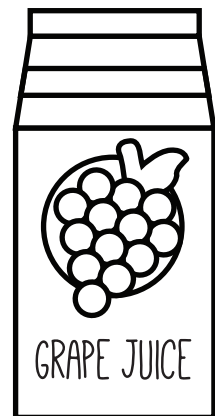
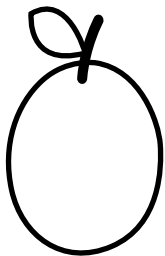
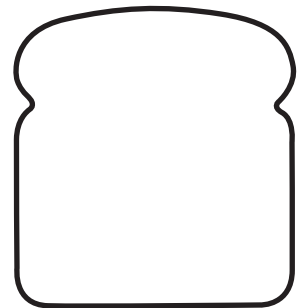
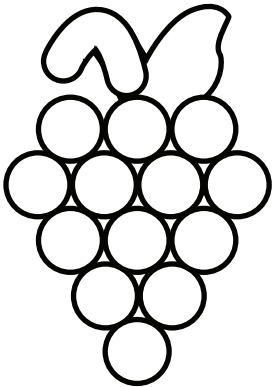
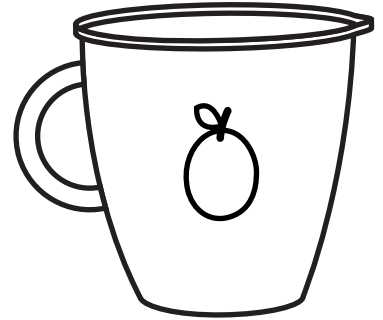


OPTIONAL:

PLACE A BLUE TABLECLOTH UNDER THE WELL
TO LOOK LIKE WATER

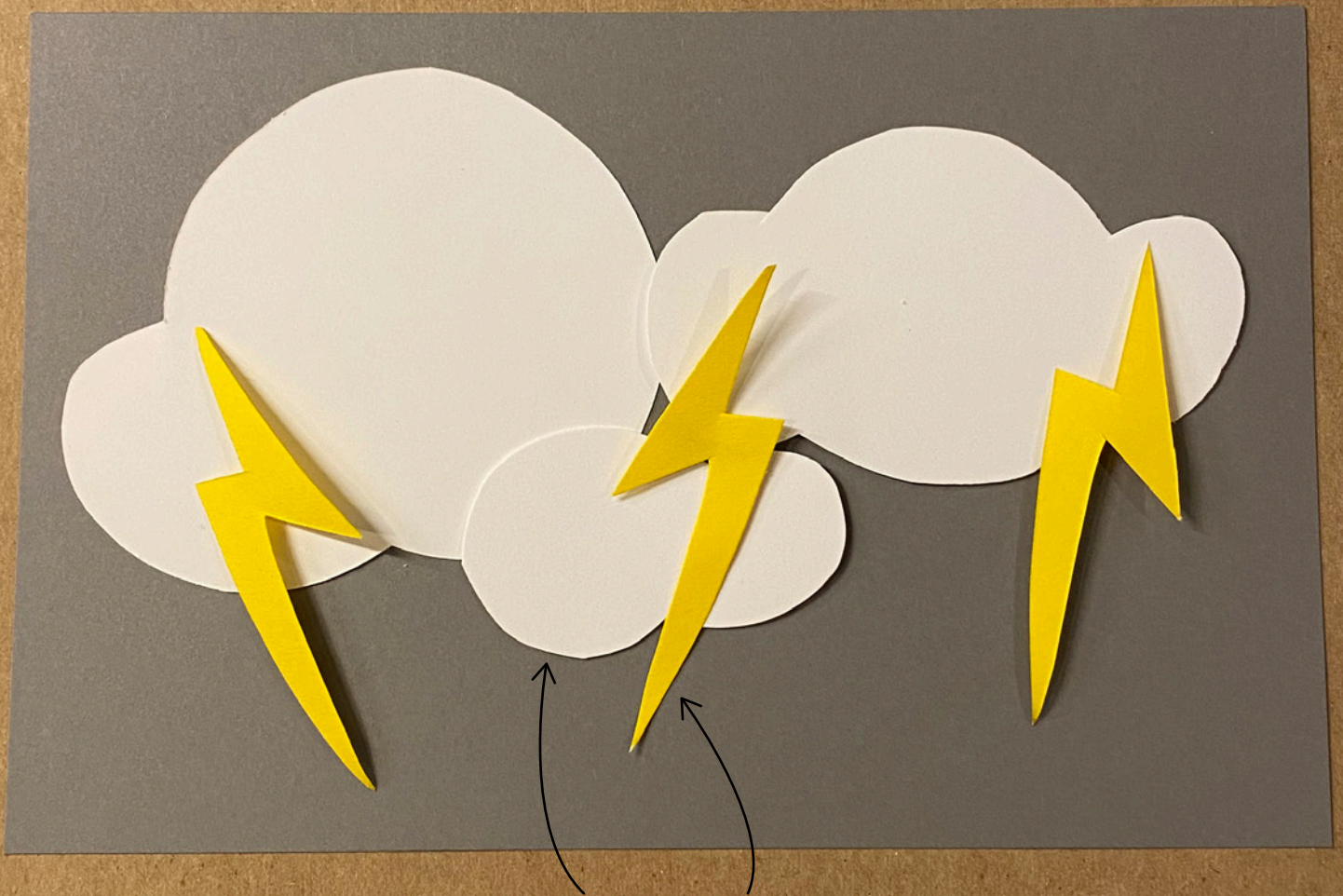
WHAT CROPS MAKE!

DRAW A LINE FROM THE CROP TO WHAT IT MAKES!



THUNDERSTORM

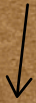
8.5" X 5.5" GRAY PAPER



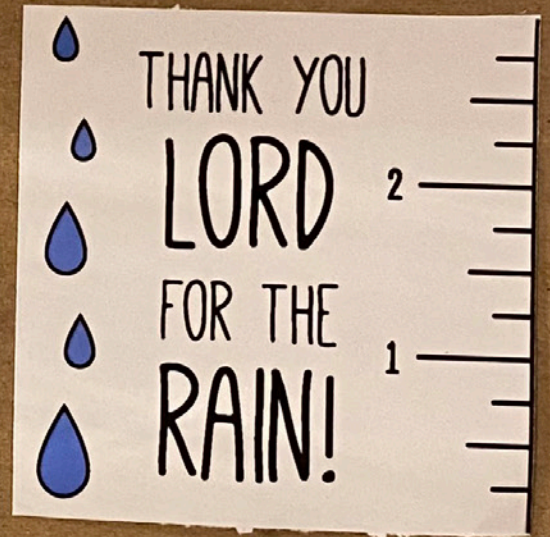
CUT OUT CLOUDS SHAPES FROM WHITE PAPER & LIGHTENING
FROM YELLOW PAPER & GLUE ONTO THE GRAY PAPER

RAIN GAUGE

16 OZ CLEAR
PLASTIC JAR

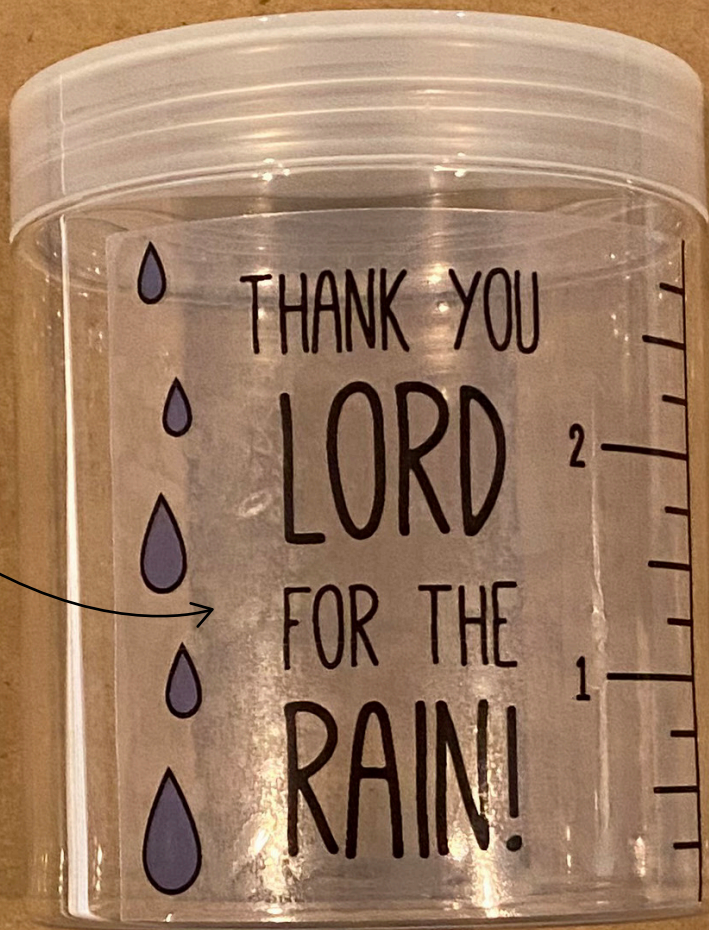


PRINT ON CLEAR STICKER
PAPER & CUT OUT



RAIN GAUGE

PLACE THE STICKER
ON THE JAR





THANK YOU
LORD
FOR THE
RAIN!

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