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# Forest Church

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# Remembering

### General INTRO: What do you remember?

Can you remember what you did yesterday?

Can you remember what you did this time last week?

What about this time last year?

God's memory is infinite - it says in the Bible that with him a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years is like a day...it means he's not limited by our time - it's hard to understand - but the wonderful thing is he remembers everything - he's not like us...we forget - I forget names, dates, places, events - but God doesn't.

Maybe sometimes we wish He couldn't remember. When we do bad things or make other people sad. It would be nice if we could forget about that stuff wouldn't it?

Well amazingly, the Bible tells us, that if we do something wrong and are truly sorry about it, God will forgive us...and He'll forget it too.

Let's thank Him that he knows us each so well, he remembers each of us individually and wants us to know him too.

Thank you Lord.

God knows his world from the infinitely small bits to the enormous parts who can think of something tiny? (sub-atomic particles!!, woodlice, fleas, etc, ants), And something huge? (a giant nebula or a super nova; a mammoth; whale etc)

### CREATION CARE: Some animals have to remember too...

Last month at Forest Church we celebrated Harvest - the time of year when fruits and vegetables are abundant - there's lots of them in our gardens, on the fruit trees - it's a good thing to pick fruit and put it in your freezer ready to eat in the winter when there isn't any fruit on the trees or bushes. We humans can preserve (keep) fruit by making jams or bottling it too

Animals store up a plentiful supply of food ready for the winter when there isn't so much around. They have to remember where they've stored them! Sometimes they forget - like the squirrel and jay - and then their seeds sprout into new life.

I'm going to tell you a few things that some animals collect - see if you can remember. Then go and find the pictures and stick them on the sheet.

Bees - honey

Grey Squirrels - Hazelnuts      Red squirrels - fungi

Jays - Acorns

Mice - Seeds      Shrews - beetles

Moles - Earthworms (bite off their heads to immobilize them; kept in a "fortress" - the worms can grow another segment if they're left alone!).

### TRAIL (see pictures/sheet at the end of this leaflet)

*search the churchyard for the pictures of food we've hung up (in envelopes/pockets) then come back to the table and match them with the animal, stick onto the sheet.*

We're going to play another remembering game

## KIMS GAME

Divide into age groups: 5 and under; 6 - 9; 10 and above (roughly).

Place different objects on a sheet of paper - look at them for a few moments.

Turn around while the helper removes one item.

Face the sheet of paper and see if you can tell us what was taken away?

Gradually remove item after item.

At the end perhaps ask them to name as many of the original items as possible.

(use say 5 items for the youngest group; 8 for middle group; 12 for the oldest)

## BIRD FEEDER

As animals get ready for winter, some of them feast on what's around them before hibernating - hedgehogs do this. Others need to find food through the colder

months - we're going to make bird feeders to help our garden birds.

*Provide pine cones, lard, seeds and dried fruit. Tie on string to hang it up with.*

## PLANT BULBS

Bees get ready for winter by filling their wax combs with honey. When it's cold outside and there are no flowers to collect nectar from, they eat up their stores of honey. We want to make sure our bees are healthy and live through the winter.

Planting flowers helps them - especially if there are some that flower early in spring when their store cupboard is getting emptier.

*Provide plant pots, compost and crocus bulbs (February flowering ones).*

*Label the pots - colour and stick on (see end of leaflet).*

## STORY TIME

God remembers us by name - he knows the number of hairs on our head!

He knows all about us and He loves us even when we do things wrong.

Let's say sorry for the times we let Him down and

be thankful that He welcomes us back every time with loving arms...

God says, "be careful, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life;

make them known to your children and your children's children...

[And] remember the commands that I am giving you today.

Repeat them again and again to your children.

Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. (Deut 4-6)

## We'll SHARE a simple COMMUNION

And Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me" -

we'll be SHARING bread & grape juice

## LEAF PRAYERS

In the Bible it talks about trees - they're used as a picture of what it will be like when there is peace and healing in our world.

Use our leaves 2 each -- colour them in if and write the name of someone you'd like to remember on it - someone who needs your prayers and love at this time.  
Put one leaf on the prayer tree and another to take home.  
And Let's remember God ...just as He remembers us.

Wherever you go, walk lightly.  
Wherever you go, shine brightly.  
Wherever you go, hold tightly  
To everything true and pure and good,  
both daily and nightly.  
In the name of Jesus Christ  
Amen

### DECORATE BISCUITS

**Biscuits readymade - icing needs making up in small batches - dyes provided**

Use natural dyes for the icing - decorate your own leaf shaped biscuits. Use small spoons and eg cocktail sticks to add & swirl the icing onto the biscuits

Green colour - spinach

Red/pink - beetroot

Purple - red cabbage!

Yellow - turmeric

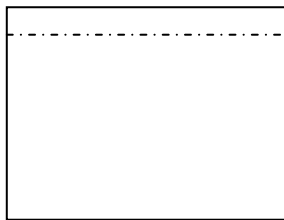
Brown - cocoa

"Each biscuit will be unique - just as you are".

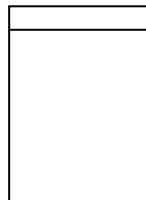
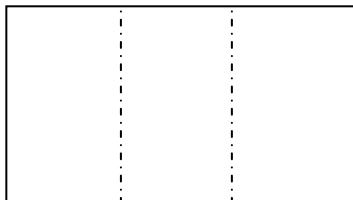
### Recycled Newspaper Take home BAGS

Instructions:

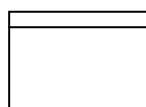
1. Take a sheet of newspaper and fold down a narrow strip across the long edge.



2. Turn the paper over and fold it in thirds along the short edge tucking one third into the other under the narrow flap created in step 1.



3. Turn it over again and then fold the paper in half lengthways again tucking it under the narrow folded flap.
















### TRAIL- one animal sheet for each child

Cut up the “food” pictures and use 6 envelopes/plastic pockets hung up on trees etc, for the children to find. One type of food per envelope.

Children stick pictures of food beside the animal they think eats it. See if they can remember which one eats which food type.

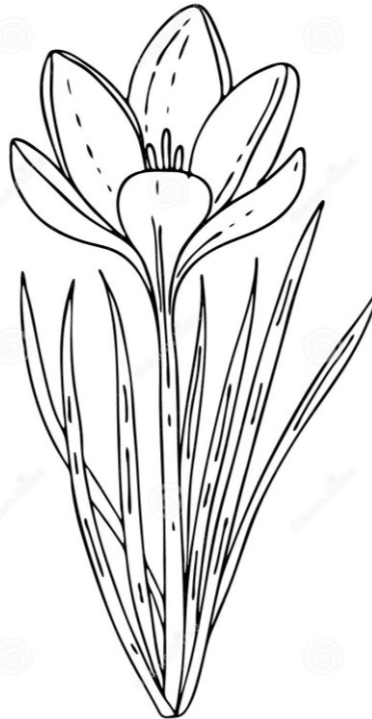
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What do I put in my store cupboard for winter?		
	Mouse	
Grey Squirrel		
	Red Squirrel	
Mole		
	Shrew	
Jay		

PLANT POT LABELS colour in and add your name to identify your pot

My  
Crocus  
for the  
Bees



LEAF PRAYERS - Use to hang on a tree and for taking home as a reminder to pray for someone who needs your love.

