

STORY TIME RESOURCES

TAP THE MAGIC TREE

STORY TIME DESCRIPTION

There's something magical about trees. Have you ever noticed the seasonal changes a tree goes through or how they grow so many fruits we love to eat? We will experience the seasonal changes of an apple tree in our story today. [*Tap the Magic Tree*](#) by Christie Matheson is a fun interactive story that allow the readers to participate by tapping, shaking, and blowing the pages in the book. If we shake the book hard enough an apple just may Ker plo and drop!

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

- **Apple Senses: Exploring the 5 Senses:** [Little Bins for Little Hands](#) explains how to do conduct a five senses exploration using a variety of apples.
- **Apple Science Experiments and STEM Activities:** [Little Bins for Little Hands](#) displays multiple ways to explore science using apples.
- **Exploring Our Senses:** [VPM PBS Everyday Learning](#) provide a short video of a family visiting an apple orchard and it also shows how they are using their five senses.
- **Four Season Tree Art Lesson:** [Kiddo TV](#) demonstrates an art lesson about the seasons.

OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES

- **Interactive Books:** [Happily Ever Elephants](#) provides a list of interactive books and explains what makes them developmentally appropriate and great for kids.
- **Virginia Agriculture:** [Take a look at Cooking Up Fun with Preschool](#) developed by Virginia Agriculture in the Classroom. This document is a collection of lessons and activities that support healthy eating. Bes sure to check out “Apples to Applesauce” and “Pass the Apples, Please”.

WATCH A VIDEO

[***“Making Observations: Five Senses with Apples”***](#) Katie Holzman a preschool teacher shares how she and her students explore the five senses using apples.

[***“Apple Tasting: Using the Five Senses to Enjoy Real Food”***](#) is a short video filmed at a charter school in Chicago showing how to use apples as a way to eat healthy and use the five senses.

READ OTHER INTERACTIVE CHILDREN'S BOOKS

- [*Plant the Tiny Seed*](#) by Christie Matheson
- [*Touch the Brightest Star*](#) by Christie Matheson
- [*Bird Watch*](#) by Christie Matheson
- [*Press Here*](#) by Herve Tullet
- [*Mix it Up!*](#) by Herve Tullet
- [*Wind Blown*](#) by Edouard Manceau
- [*Huff and Puff*](#) by Claudia Rueda
- [*We're Going on a Bear Hunt*](#) by Michael Rosen
- [*Don't Push the Button*](#) by Bill Cotter
- [*Don't Shake the Present*](#) by Bill Cotter
- [*Beautiful Oops!*](#) by Barney Saltzberg