

# STORY TIME RESOURCES

## APPLES AND ROBINS

### STORY TIME DESCRIPTION

Have you ever noticed that we are surrounded by shapes? Nature is filled with shapes and colors that tell a story. Our book today [Apples and Robins](#) by Lucie Felix does just that by using colorful shape cutouts to tell the story. Let's find out how white circles turn into red apples and how triangles and an oval will turn into a bird!

### HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

- **The Shape of Things:** Project Learning Tree has an activity called [“The Shape of Things”](#) that focus on how to search for shapes and colors in nature.
- **Patterns in Nature:** Virginia Department of Education developed a lesson plan called [“Patterns in Nature”](#) focus on investigating patterns found in nature and natural objects.
- **Festive Fall STEM Activities:** Little Bins for Little Hands has some [fun fall STEM projects](#) that include recipes, crafts and more.
- **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.

### OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES

- **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”.
- **Virginia Apple Orchards:** Here's a list of [8 orchards in Virginia](#) on a nice crisp autumn day.

### CELEBRATE THE AUTUMN SEASON

- Visit an apple orchard to go apple picking
- Enjoy seasonal fall fruits and vegetables
- Take a walk or hike to observe fall foliage
- Jump in piles of leaves
- Try catching falling leaves
- Collect fallen leaves, nuts, and other natural loose parts

## **RELATED CHILDREN'S BOOKS**

- [\*Hello Autumn\*](#) by Shelley Rotner
- [\*Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn\*](#) by Kenard Pak
- [\*Apples, Apples Everywhere: Learning About Apple Harvests\*](#) by Robin Koontz
- [\*Apples and Pumpkins\*](#) by Anne Rockwell
- [\*Apple Picking Time\*](#) by Michele B. Slawson
- [\*The Apple Pie Tree\*](#) by Zoe Hall
- [\*Fall Leaves Fall\*](#) by Zoe Hall
- [\*Hocus Pocus, It's Fall!\*](#) by Ann Sibley O'Brien
- [\*In the Middle of Fall\*](#) by Kevin Henkes
- [\*Leaves Fall Down: Learning About Autumn Leaves\*](#) by Lisa Bullard
- [\*Nature Spy\*](#) by Shelley Rotner and Ken Kreisler
- [\*The Shape of Things\*](#) by Dayle Ann Dodds
- [\*Shaping Up Summer\*](#) by Lizann Flatt
- [\*So Many Circles, So Many Squares\*](#) by Tana Hoban