

AUTUMN

Ah, October! What an awesome month. Don't miss this wonderful, beautiful opportunity to grab a youth and take a walk. As you look at all the colorful leaves, you can talk about the importance of light and moisture for photosynthesis. As you walk through the fallen leaves, you can look for worms, scampering little bugs and woolly caterpillars (tell us little critter what kind of winter are we going to have?).

As you walk through a vegetable garden, look at the green tomatoes and squash still on the withering vines and pick out a pumpkin for yourselves right out of the patch. Check out the pretty flowers decked out in their vivid colors that are now blooming and all the different kinds of seed heads that are on the finished flowers.

Go past a field and look carefully for crops still there or already harvested and maybe even some creatures having a harvest of their own. Feel the crispness in the air, notice that the sun is at a different angle now and since it is getting dark earlier you might even want to build a bonfire, roast some marshmallows and enjoy the moon and a sky full of stars. The best feature this month is a day and evening outside, be sure to share it with a youth. And by the way, you will be surprised how much they will see and tell you about that you missed. HAVE FUN!