

# Autumn Activities for Homeschoolers

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1. Enjoy the beautiful colors of autumn by going to an arboretum. Climb trees, jump into a pile of leaves, and throw leaves up into the air like confetti. You can watch our family doing these things in our YouTube video Autumn Fun.
2. [Pick apples](#) at an orchard. Make apple cider, apple crisp, coffee cake with apples, etc.
3. Make a scarecrow.
4. Autumn leaf rubbings.
5. Autumn lapbook. Cut out autumn pictures from magazines and glue them into a lap book. Decorate with autumn leaves and poetry. We used autumn colors to spray the paint off a toothbrush for the background of the lapbook.
6. Draw and write in a [nature journal](#). Pay attention to what the squirrels are doing, the birds flying south, and the color of the trees changing.
7. Autumn mobile.
8. Maple leaf cookies.
9. Harvest Festival. These are put on by churches as an alternative to Halloween. You play carnival-style games and win candy. Some of them have a [pumpkin smash](#) that is fantastic, especially if you have sons.
10. Go on a hay ride. Visit a farm and look at the fields of ripe pumpkins and other vegetables.
11. Make caramel popcorn on the stove. The kids can watch the popcorn popping and can put different toppings on the popcorn.
12. Go through a corn maze. Some corn mazes can be really complicated, so I don't recommend doing this if you only have young children. Elementary-aged to teenagers all enjoy this activity.
13. Use different grains to fill in a drawing. Use white school glue in one area of the drawing, and dump some of one grain onto the paper. Then pick up the paper so the rest of it drops off. This art activity looks lovely and has great texture.
14. Thankfulness tree. Draw autumn leaf shapes out of construction paper and write what you are thankful for on the back. The hang them up on an indoor tree or branch.
15. Make creatures out of vegetables. Because of the harvest, lots of vegetables are available at this time of year. I have lots of pictures of [vegetable creatures](#) on my blog. You can use toothpicks to attach vegetables together.
16. Learn nut identification. Buy a bag of nuts from the grocery store that are different kinds. Then have your children identify them through taste and sight. Blindfold them to see if they recognize each nut.
17. Twig art. We made lots of crafts out of twigs last fall. We made twig creatures, a twig basket, and a frame with hot-glued twigs. All the crafts came out lovely. Collect twigs that are all the same thickness so that your crafts are not lop-sided.
18. Go on a nature walk. This is fun any time of year, but especially in the fall, where you can crunch through the autumn leaves and breathe in the crisp air.
19. Decorate a walking stick to use during your nature walks. You can use twine, feathers, and paint. You can get really creative with this, and when you are climbing up the side of a mountain, a walking stick really helps.
20. Have fun doing yard work as a family, and choose an elderly couple to go rake their leaves.
21. Make candles, decorate candle holders, or make an autumn candle display in the middle of your dining room table. We tried to carve candles one time for Cub Scouts, but it didn't come out as lovely as I thought it would. Candles are soft enough to learn sculpting skills, though, and just

shaping the candle (or soap) can be fun.

22. Study the Pilgrims. This is a great unit study to do in November, leading up to Thanksgiving. We created a Mayflower ship off our back deck and re-enacted the entire pilgrim story the week before Thanksgiving. I have instructions for how to do it in my [Pilgrims Unit Study](#).