



Autumn Wisdom Enrichment Packet

I'm so glad you're here.

This collection was created to extend the wonder and discovery of Truth in Design: *Autumn Wisdom* through additional hands-on investigations, reflection pages, nature study, journaling prompts, and faith-centered science exploration.

Autumn is filled with quiet preparation, hidden growth, changing seasons, and reminders that God's design is both purposeful and beautiful. These pages were created to help children slow down, observe carefully, ask thoughtful questions, and reflect more deeply on both creation and faith.



How to Use this Packet

Each week of the Autumn Wisdom Enrichment Packet includes:

- 2 additional hands-on science and nature activities
- 5 guided journal prompts
- 2 reflection and sketch pages

These materials were designed to deepen curiosity, encourage thoughtful observation, strengthen reflection skills, and create meaningful connections between science, Scripture, and everyday life.

Families may choose to:

- Complete the packet alongside the main book week-by-week,
- Spread activities throughout the season,
- Use selected pages for enrichment,
- Incorporate materials into homeschool lessons,
- Or adapt the activities to fit their own family rhythm.

There is no need to rush. Some children may spend an entire afternoon outdoors investigating one activity.

The goal is to:

- Notice,
- Explore,
- Think deeply,
- Ask questions,
- Observe creation carefully,
- And grow in wisdom, gratitude, faith, and wonder along the way.



Extra Activity 1

Leaf Vein Detective Lab



Scripture

“He has made everything beautiful in its time.”

— Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NKJV)

Look Closely

Fallen leaves may seem simple at first glance, but each one contains an intricate network of veins carrying water and nutrients throughout the leaf. Some spread like rivers, while others branch like tiny roads across a map.

As you investigate, notice both the beauty and the purposeful design hidden inside each leaf.

Explore

Choose 3–5 different leaves to examine.

Hold each leaf toward sunlight or shine a flashlight through it. Look carefully for:

- thick and thin veins
- branching patterns
- color changes
- smooth or jagged edges
- thin or thick areas

Place one leaf beneath white paper and gently rub a crayon sideways across the surface to reveal the hidden vein patterns. Repeat with several leaves and compare the results.

You'll Need

- Colorful autumn leaves
- White paper
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Magnifying glass (optional)
- Flashlight or sunny window
- Wonder Journal



Observe & Record

- Which leaves:
- Showed the clearest veins?
- Allowed the most light through?
- Seemed strongest or most delicate?
- Changed color most dramatically?

Sketch your favorite leaf and label:

- Stem
- Central vein
- Branching veins
- Edges
- Strongest color areas



Science & Faith Connection

Leaf veins act like tiny transportation systems, carrying water, nutrients, and sugars throughout the leaf. Different trees develop different vein patterns depending on the environment and the structure that helps them survive best.

God could have created leaves that simply functioned, yet He filled creation with beauty, texture, variety, and detail. No two leaves are exactly alike.

People are designed with variety too. God gives different gifts, strengths, personalities, and purposes to each person, and every design reflects His creativity and wisdom.

Wonder Questions

- What details did you notice that you had never seen before?
- Why do you think God filled creation with so much variety and design?



Journal Prompts



Autumn trees prepare quietly for winter long before snow arrives.

What are some ways people can prepare wisely for difficult seasons in life instead of waiting until problems become overwhelming?



Leaves change color at different times and in different ways.

Why do you think God designed creation with so much variety instead of making every tree exactly the same?



Sometimes change can feel uncomfortable or uncertain.

Write about a change you have experienced that later helped you grow stronger, wiser, kinder, or more responsible.



During autumn, trees pull nutrients back into their roots and branches to store them safely for winter.

What are some good things people should “store up” in their hearts and minds as they grow? Consider things like wisdom, Scripture, kindness, honesty, courage, or faith.



Hidden colors inside leaves become visible when chlorophyll fades away.

What are some qualities God may be quietly growing inside a person before others notice them?





Reflection Sketch 1

Beneath the Autumn Tree

Week 1

Draw yourself sitting beneath a large autumn tree with leaves falling around you.



As you draw, think about:

- what the tree might teach you about trusting God through change
- what it means to let go of worries or fears
- how God helps people grow through different seasons of life

Then write a short prayer asking God to help you trust Him through change.



