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Hebrews 13:8

Friends,

September always sneaks up on me. One day it's hot and humid, the next I'm noticing cooler mornings, earlier sunsets, and a little hint that fall is on its way. The pumpkin latte, pie, flavors are coming up. Creation knows how to shift with the seasons, and it reminds me that change, though not always easy, is part of how God moves in our lives. Ecclesiastes tells us, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" (3:1).

CHANGING OF THE SEASONS

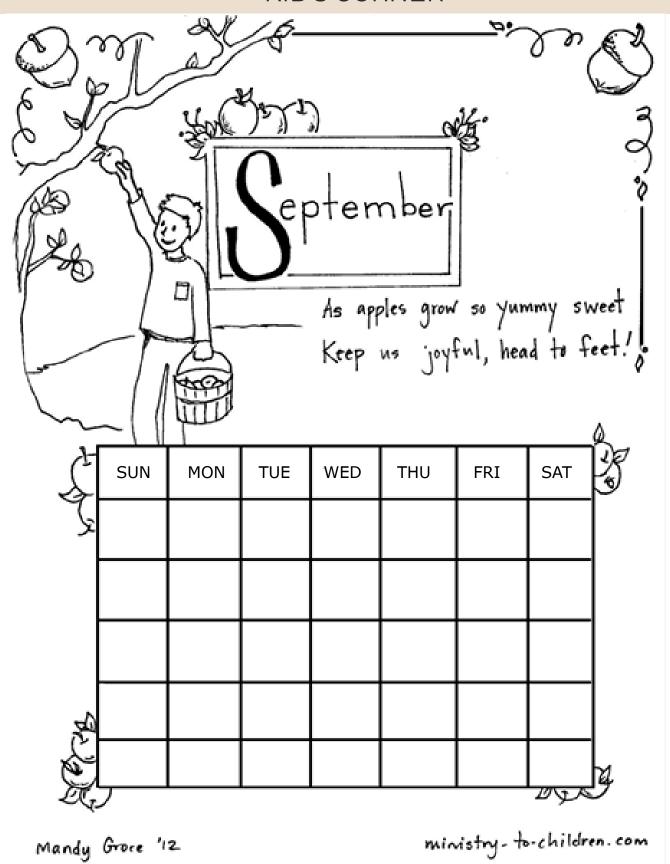
As we step into this new season, many of us are shifting too. Kids head back to school, church activities pick up speed, and the quiet of summer gives way to a busier rhythm. In the middle of it all, I hear God's words in Isaiah: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" (43:19). Change doesn't mean God is far, it means God is at work, preparing something new.

So as the leaves begin to turn, I invite you to notice God in the beauty around you and in the small shifts happening within you. Seasons change, but the good news is this: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

ADULT'S LIKE TO COLOR TOO!



KID'S CORNER



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Jesus loves the children.



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Together as a family, look out of your window, or go for a nature hunt outside!

As you go through the activities, read Ecclesiastes 3, and remember that God is with us through different seasons of life.

1. Find some trees.

"There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot." v1-2

As seasons change, some things end and some things begin. It's good to remember that God is with us in new seasons and will help us grow.

- Find some dead leaves. What do they feel, smell, sound, and look like?
- Look underneath some fallen leaves.
 Can you find any signs of life?



2. Can you find something decaying?

"A time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build." v3

As berries rot and leaves decompose, they provide food for small creatures and new soil for growth.

- What did it look like before? Maybe it was a bright shiny apple or a tall tree? What's going to happen to it now?
- What's something that you may have done last year that you don't do anymore?
 What will you miss as you get older?
- Looking ahead, what are you excited about in the next season? Talk about how God uses change and loss to help us grow.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Emma Symanski -September 2nd Jim Harrington - September 30th

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

None

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS & EVENTS

Admin Council

September 4th at 7pm

Worship

September 24th at 10 am

Trustees

September 9th at 6pm

Fig Leaf

September 16th at 10am

Day of Remembrance/Service

September 11th





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