



10 Crabapples

Crabapple Tree

Location:

Age: Seedling

Materials:

- Crabapple cutouts
- 10 pieces of paper
- Pencil
- Song lyrics

Song Lyrics (tune of “Ten Little Indians”)

One crab, two crab, three crabapples,  
Four crab, five crab, six crabapples,  
Seven crab, eight crab, nine crabapples,  
Ten crabapples for you and me.

Just like apples, crabapples are edible. Unlike apples however, they are sour and can make your lips pucker. They are a great fruit for jelly and applesauce.

Activity:

Sing the song together several times. Use your fingers to represent each number as you sing it. After the song has been mastered, take the paper and place it in front of you. Next, glue one crabapple cutout onto a piece of the paper. On the same paper, represent the crabapple by writing the number “one” and the word “one.” Set it aside and let it dry while you proceed to glue two new crabapple cutouts onto a new piece of paper. You will then write out the number and the word “two.” Continue this process until you have successfully glued, numbered, and written all ten numbers. Once completed, sing the song again and for every verse, hold up the piece of paper representing it.

This activity will allow younger children to see and represent objects in three different ways. By seeing the actual objects and being able to count and manipulate them, the child can then write down the number they counted and if possible, write the number out in letters.