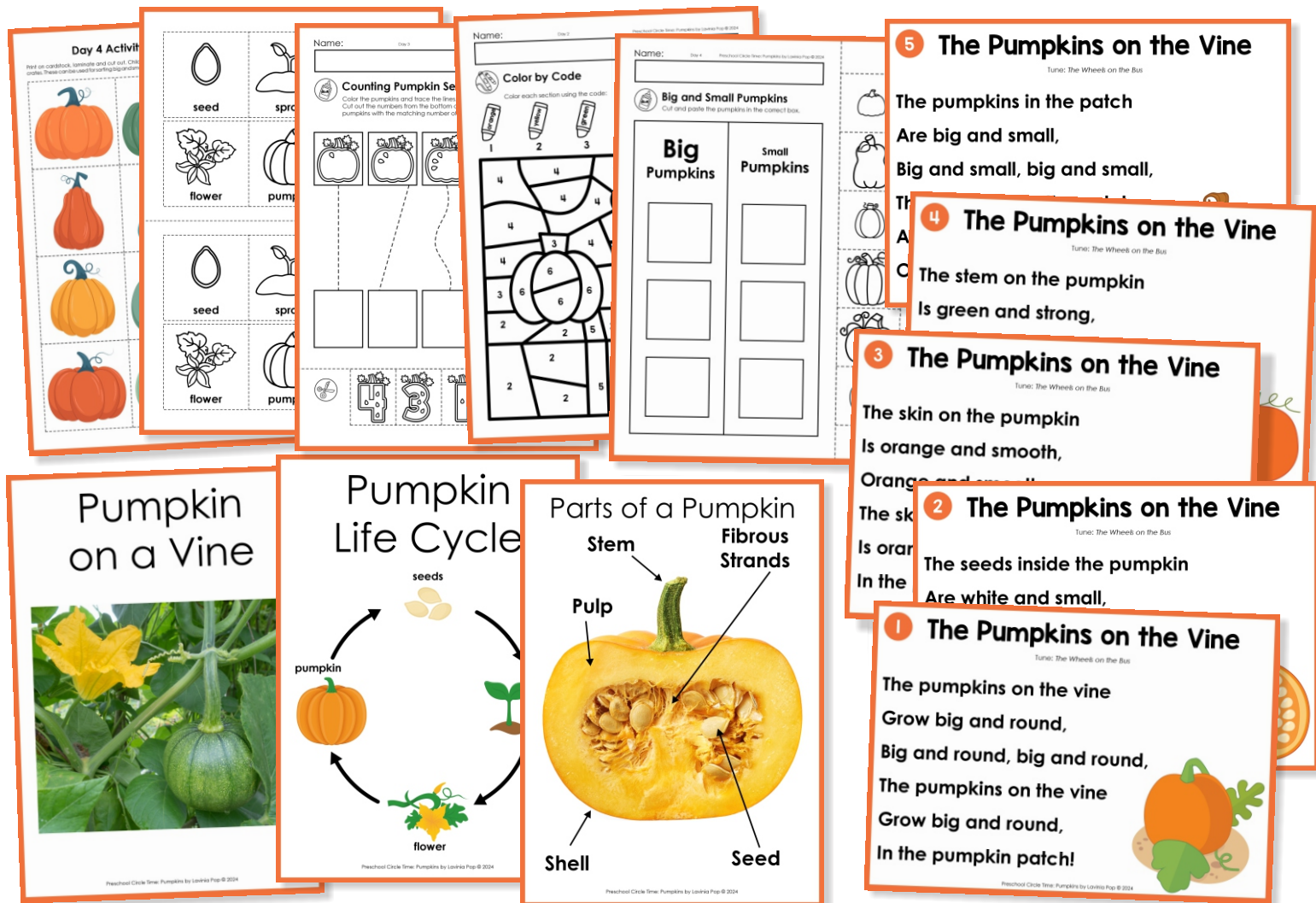


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# Introduction

Explore pumpkins through five days of circle time, songs, stories, and hands-on learning! Preschool Circle Time: Pumpkins introduces children to how pumpkins grow, what they look like inside and out, and how they differ in color and size.

Use the five lesson plans for a week of pumpkin-themed learning, or choose individual activities to complement your fall plans. Extend circle time with the included crafts, worksheets, and printable activities.

## What's Included

### Five Daily Lesson Plans

Each plan includes an introduction to the daily topic, a song, a suggested read-aloud with discussion prompts, and activity ideas.

- Day 1: Introduction to Pumpkins — Observe a real pumpkin and describe its appearance.
- Day 2: The Life Cycle of a Pumpkin — Discover how a pumpkin grows from a seed.
- Day 3: Parts of a Pumpkin — Explore the outside and inside of a pumpkin.
- Day 4: Pumpkin Colors and Sizes — Sort, count, and compare pumpkins.
- Day 5: Pumpkin Art and Sensory Play — Create pumpkin seed art and explore pumpkin-themed materials.

### Song Posters and Props

Sing “The Pumpkins on the Vine” to the tune of “The Wheels on the Bus.” A full-song poster, individual verse posters, and printable pumpkin props support participation and reinforce pumpkin vocabulary.

### Learning Posters

Introduce and revisit key concepts with posters showing a pumpkin on a vine, the pumpkin life cycle, parts of a pumpkin, and different pumpkin shapes and colors.

### Activities and Printables

Choose from pumpkin crafts, straight-line, zigzag, and wavy-line cutting practice, life cycle sequencing, color-by-code, seed counting, a dot-marker activity, color and size sorting, pumpkin seed art, and pumpkin pie sequencing.

### Getting Started

Read each lesson plan and gather the materials before you begin. Print the pages you need, prepare any cutouts, and laminate reusable posters and props if desired. Suggested read-aloud books and hands-on supplies are not included.

Adapt the discussions and activities to suit your group's interests and abilities. Complete the follow-up activities together, in small groups, or during center time.

Happy teaching! :)

# Pumpkins

|              | Objective                                                                                                                                         | Read Aloud                                                                                                                                                                             | Activity                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Day 1</b> | <b>Introduction to Pumpkins</b><br><br>Children will learn basic facts about pumpkins, what they look like, and where they come from.             | <b>Book:</b> "The Roll-Away Pumpkin" by Junia Wonders<br><br><b>Discussion:</b> Why the pumpkin rolled away. What children would do if they saw a big pumpkin rolling down the street. | <b>Explore a Real Pumpkin</b><br>Children will explore a real pumpkin.<br><br><b>Materials:</b> A real pumpkin, a magnifying glass.                                                         |
| <b>Day 2</b> | <b>The Life Cycle of a Pumpkin</b><br><br>Children will understand how pumpkins grow, from seed to fruit.                                         | <b>Book:</b> "From Seed to Pumpkin" by Wendy Pfeffer<br><br><b>Discussion:</b> What happens to a pumpkin after it starts as a seed. How long it takes to grow a pumpkin.               | <b>Pumpkin Life Cycle Worksheet</b><br>Children cut and paste the pictures to complete the life cycle.<br><br><b>Materials:</b> Pumpkin Life Cycle (2 pages)                                |
| <b>Day 3</b> | <b>Parts of a Pumpkin</b><br><br>Children will learn the different parts of a pumpkin, inside and out.                                            | <b>Book:</b> "The Pumpkin Book" by Gail Gibbons<br><br><b>Discussion:</b> Favorite part of a pumpkin. Parts of the pumpkins and their functions,                                       | <b>Pumpkin Investigation</b><br>Children will explore the inside of a real pumpkin.<br><br><b>Materials:</b><br>A pumpkin cut in half, spoons, bowls, gloves (optional)                     |
| <b>Day 4</b> | <b>Pumpkin Colors and Sizes</b><br><br>Children will explore the different colors and sizes pumpkins can be, and practice counting and comparing. | <b>Book:</b> "Too Many Pumpkins" by Linda White<br><br><b>Discussion:</b> What Rebecca did with all her pumpkins. What children would do with a big pile of pumpkins.                  | <b>Pumpkin Sorting</b><br>Children will sort pumpkins by color and size.<br><br><b>Materials:</b><br>Activity 4 printable (5 pages)                                                         |
| <b>Day 5</b> | <b>Pumpkin Fun – Arts &amp; Sensory Exploration</b><br><br>Children will explore pumpkins creatively through art and sensory play.                | <b>Book:</b> "Pumpkin Soup" by Helen Cooper<br><br><b>Discussion:</b> Why the friends argued. How they worked together to make the soup.                                               | <b>Pumpkin Seed Art</b><br>Children will glue pumpkin seeds onto the picture and paint it once dry.<br><br><b>Materials:</b> Activity 5 printable, pumpkin seeds, glue, orange, green paint |

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## Day 4: Pumpkin Colors and Sizes

Children will explore the different colors and sizes pumpkins can be, and practice counting and comparing.

## Introduction

"Pumpkins come in all sizes and colors - not just orange! Today, we'll learn about the many different pumpkins you can find."

## Song

"The Pumpkins on the Vine" (Tune: "The Wheels on the Bus")

**Actions:** Make a big circle with your arms for "big and round." Hold up fingers like tiny seeds and pretend to scoop them out of a pumpkin. Rub your hands together smoothly for "orange and smooth." Point to the top of your head for the "stem." Use hands to show "big" and "small" pumpkins, then point to different colored objects around the room for "orange, green, and white."

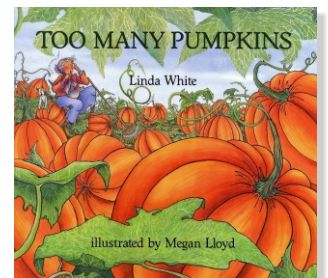


## Read Aloud & Discussion

**Book:** "Too Many Pumpkins" by Linda White

**Before Reading:** "Do you think you can ever have too many pumpkins?"

**After Reading:** "What did Rebecca do with all her pumpkins? What would you do with a big pile of pumpkins?"



## Activity

### Pumpkin Sorting

**Materials:** Activity 4 printable (5 pages)

**Instructions:** Set up a sorting station with different pumpkins. Let children sort them by size (big and small) or by color (orange, green, white). Practice counting the pumpkins and comparing their sizes.

**Extension:** Have children measure the width and/or height of various pumpkins using rulers or measuring tapes.



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## Day 5: Pumpkin Fun – Arts & Sensory Exploration

Children will explore pumpkins creatively through art and sensory play.

### Introduction

"Now that we've learned all about pumpkins, let's have some fun making our own pumpkin crafts and playing with a pumpkin sensory bin!"

### Song

"The Pumpkins on the Vine" (Tune: "The Wheels on the Bus")

**Actions:** Make a big circle with your arms for "big and round." Hold up fingers like tiny seeds and pretend to scoop them out of a pumpkin. Rub your hands together smoothly for "orange and smooth." Point to the top of your head for the "stem." Use hands to show "big" and "small" pumpkins, then point to different colored objects around the room for "orange, green, and white."

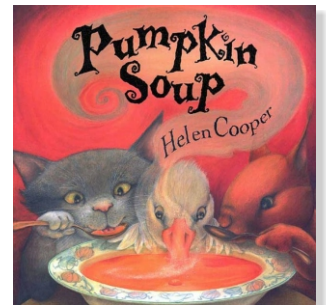


### Read Aloud & Discussion

**Book:** "Pumpkin Soup" by Helen Cooper

**Before Reading:** "Do you think you can make soup with a pumpkin? What else can we make?"

**After Reading:** "Why do you think the friends argued? How did they work together to make the soup?"



### Activity

#### Activity 1: Pumpkin Seed Art

**Materials:** Activity 5 printable, pumpkin seeds, glue, orange and green paint

**Instructions:** Have children glue pumpkin seeds on the pumpkin and its stem. Once dried, have children paint over the seeds.

#### Activity 2: Pumpkin Sensory Bin

**Materials:** Pumpkin seeds, orange-colored rice, scoops, bowls, small pumpkin toys.

**Instructions:** Create a sensory bin filled with pumpkin seeds and orange rice. Let children scoop, pour, and explore the materials. Add small toy pumpkins for extra fun.



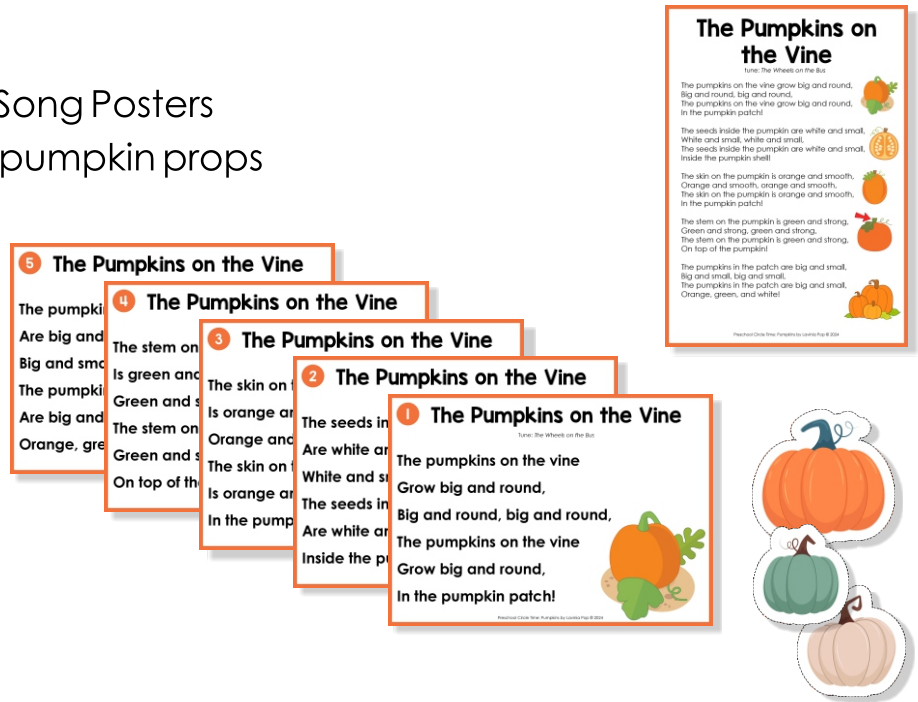
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## Circle Time Song Posters and Props

This section includes all song posters and props.

### Days 1-5

- Pumpkins on the Vine Song Posters
- Orange, green, white pumpkin props

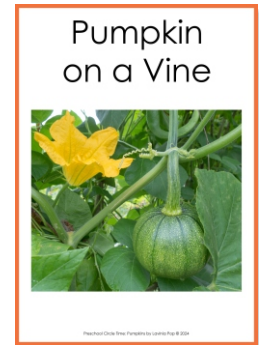


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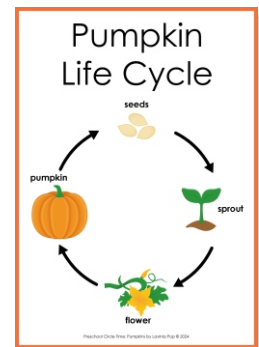
## Classroom Posters

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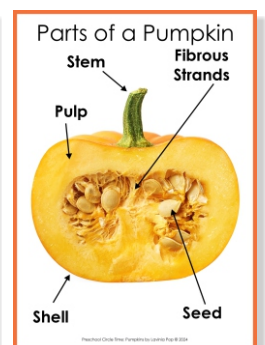
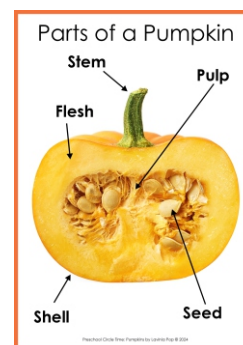


### Day 2: The Life Cycle of a Pumpkin



### Day 3: Parts of a Pumpkin

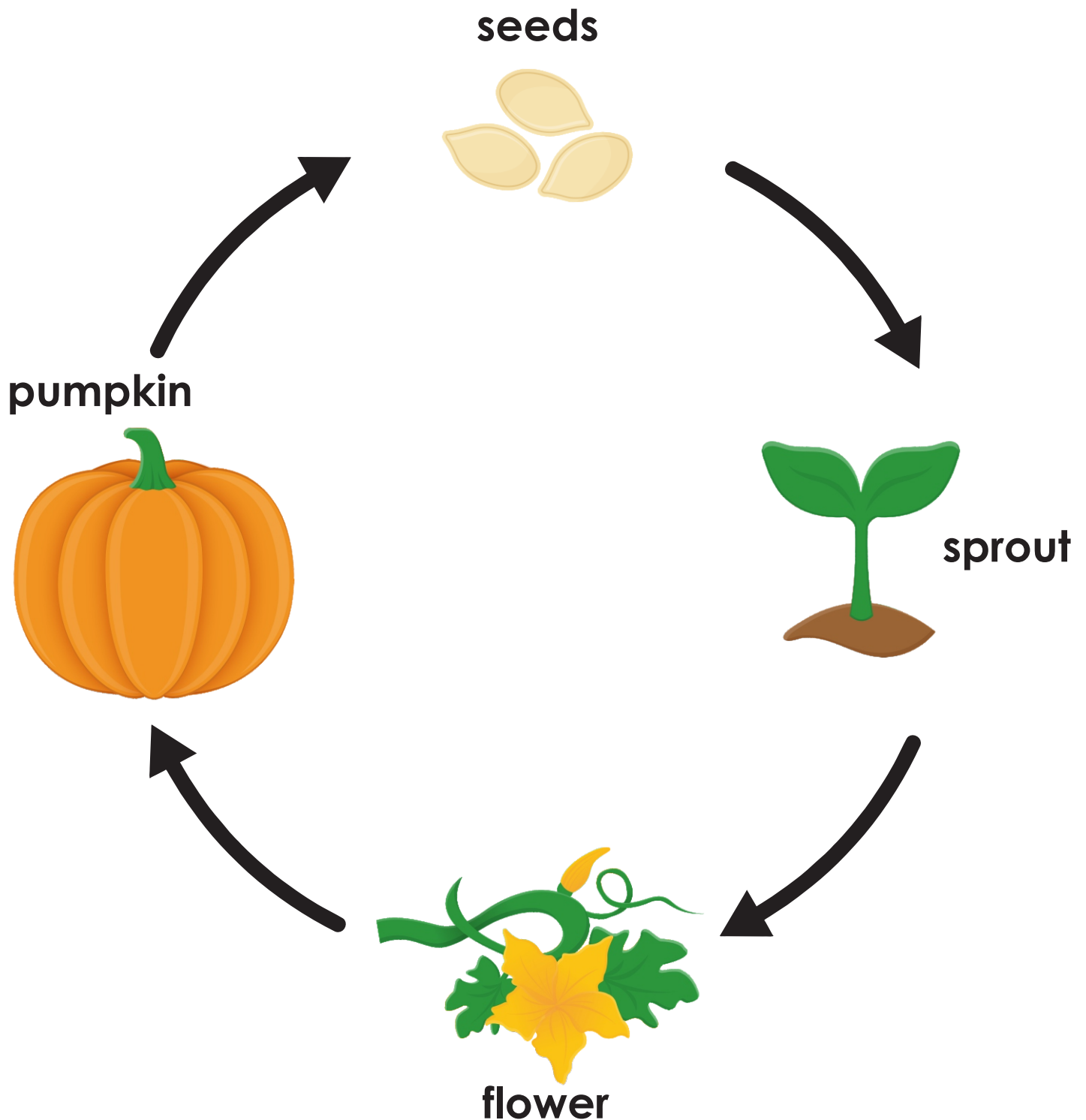
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### Day 4: Pumpkin Colors and Sizes



# Pumpkin Life Cycle



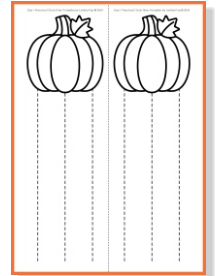
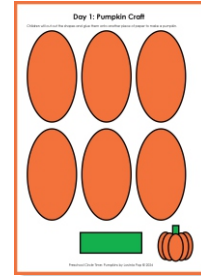
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## Activities & Worksheets

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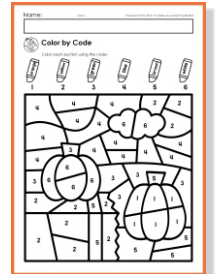
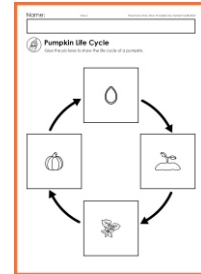
### Day 1: Introduction to Pumpkins

- *Additional Activity:* Pumpkin Craft (color | b&W)
- *Additional Activity:* Cutting Practice



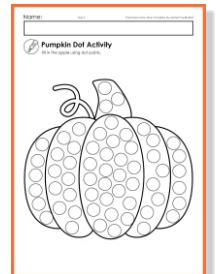
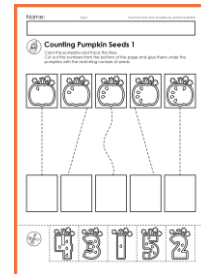
### Day 2: The Life Cycle of a Pumpkin

- **Lesson Activity:** Pumpkin Life Cycle (2 pages)
- *Additional Activity:* Color by Code



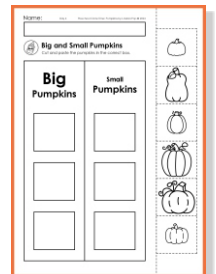
### Day 3: Parts of a Pumpkin

- *Additional Activity:* Counting Pumpkin Seeds
- *Additional Activity:* Pumpkin Dot Activity



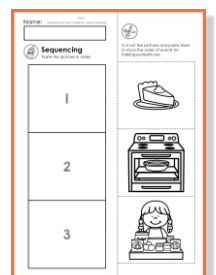
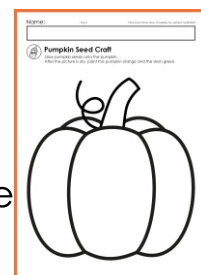
### Day 4: Pumpkin Colors and Sizes

- **Lesson Activity:** Sorting by Color & Size
- *Additional Activity:* Sorting Big and Small Pumpkins



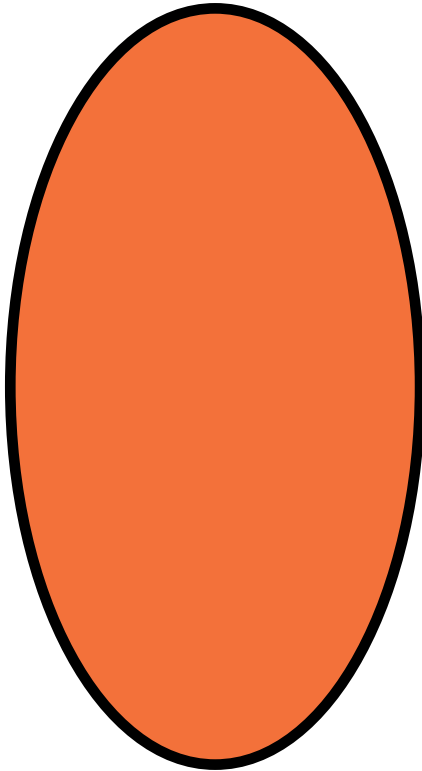
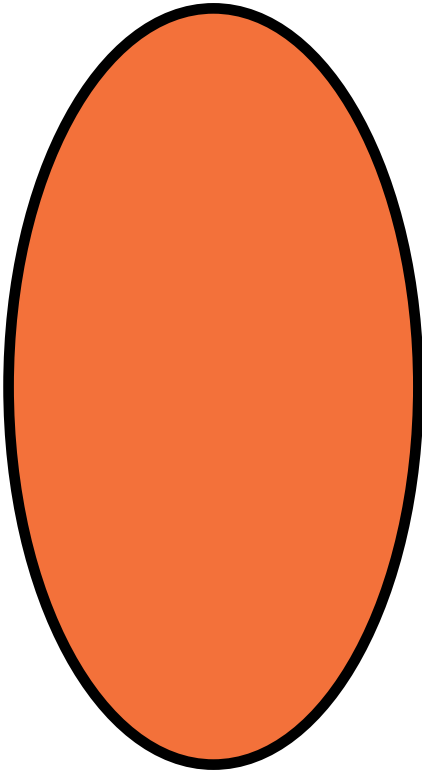
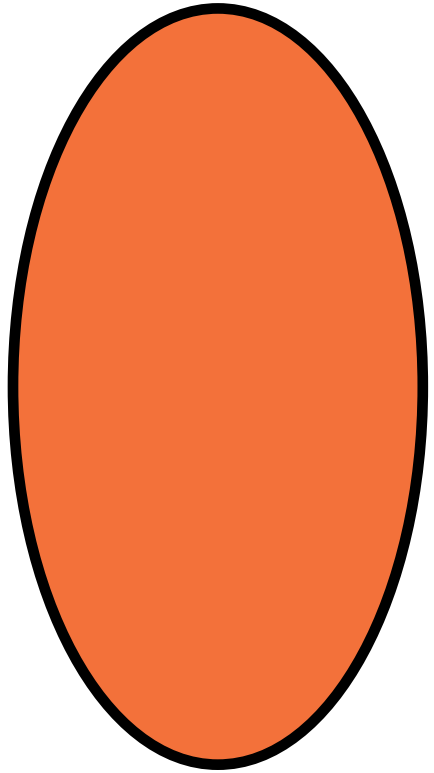
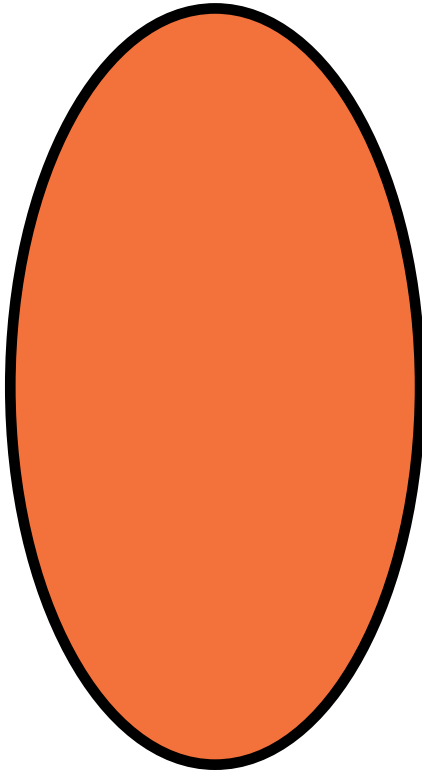
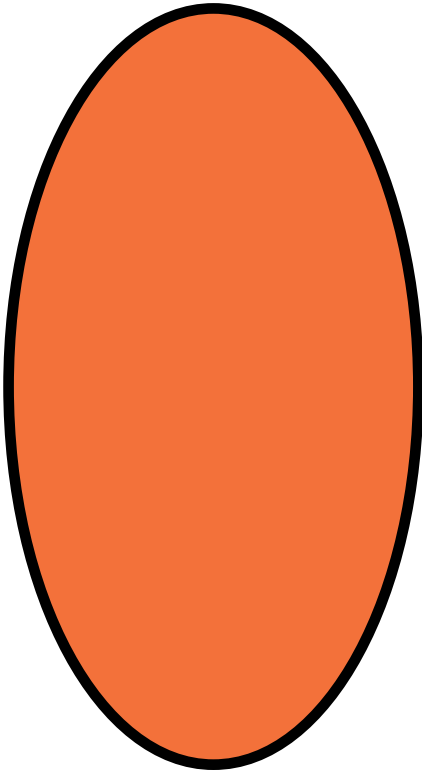
### Day 5: Pumpkin Fun

- **Lesson Activity:** Pumpkin Seed Craft
- *Additional Activity:* Making Pumpkin Pie Sequencing



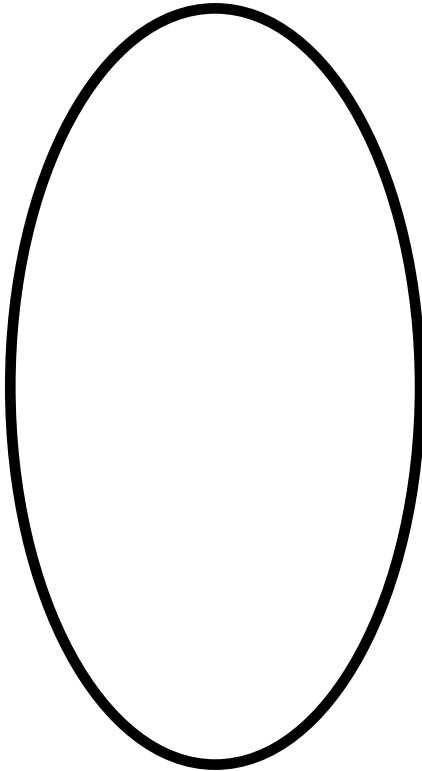
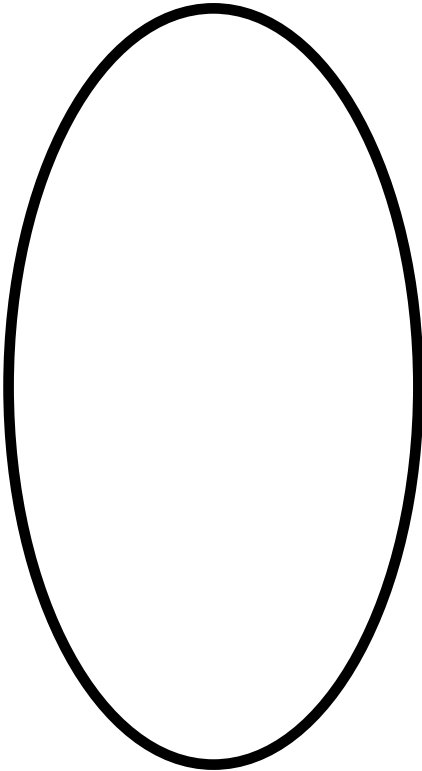
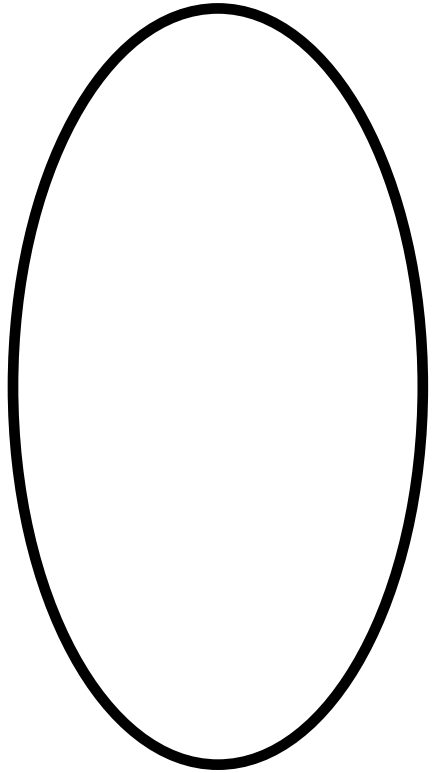
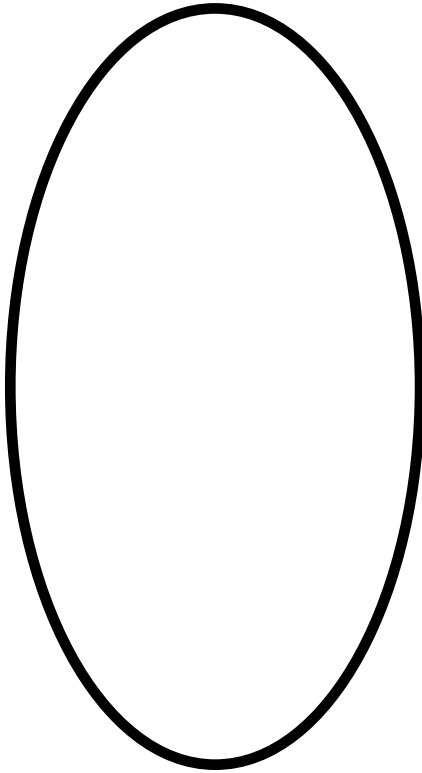
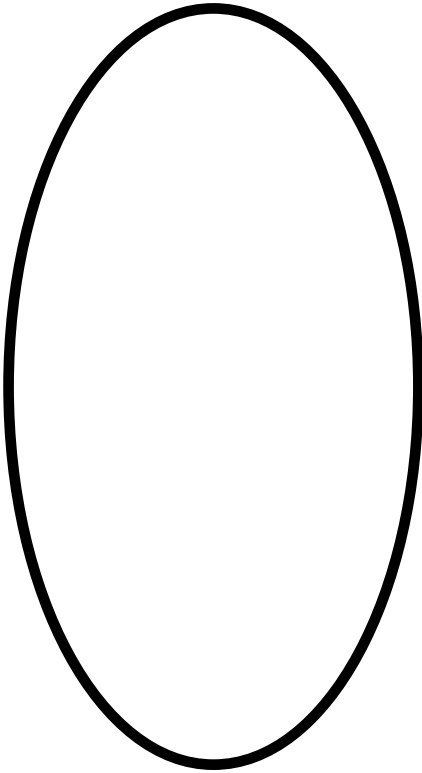
# Day 1: Pumpkin Craft

Children will cut out the shapes and glue them onto another piece of paper to make a pumpkin.



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Children will color/paint, cut out the shapes and glue them onto another piece of paper to make a pumpkin.



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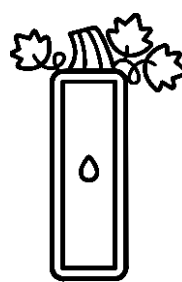
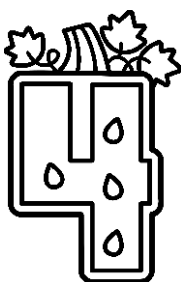
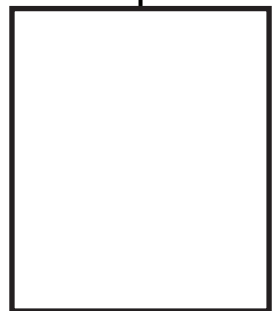
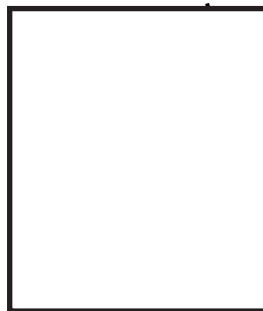
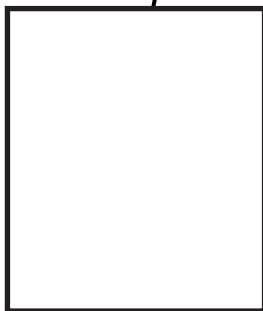
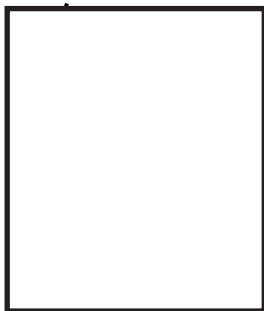
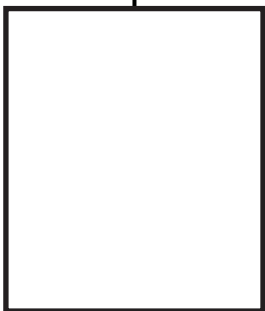
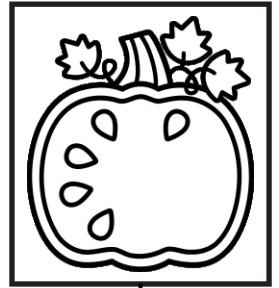
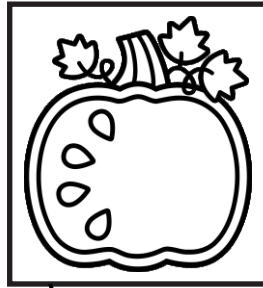
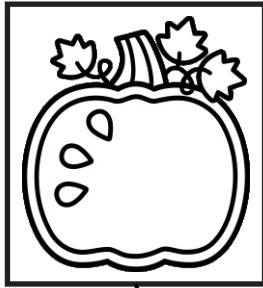
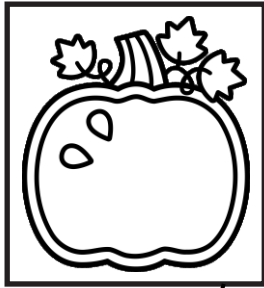
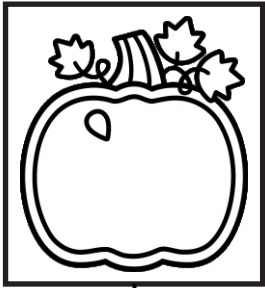
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## Counting Pumpkin Seeds 1

Color the pumpkins and trace the lines.

Cut out the numbers from the bottom of the page and glue them under the pumpkins with the matching number of seeds.



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## Pumpkin PRESCHOOL WORKSHEETS & ACTIVITIES

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## pumpkins WORD WALL

large classroom cards | word lists for folders | word work pages

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## pumpkin letters & words SORTING ACTIVITY

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