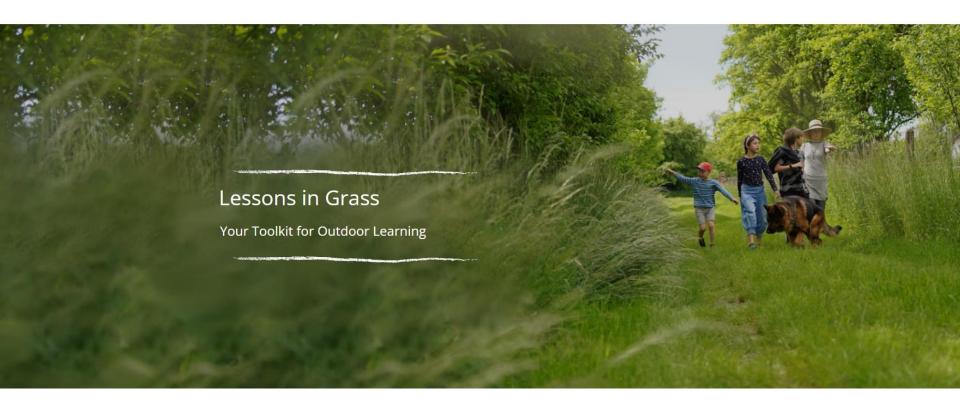


BOND WITH YOUR TREE











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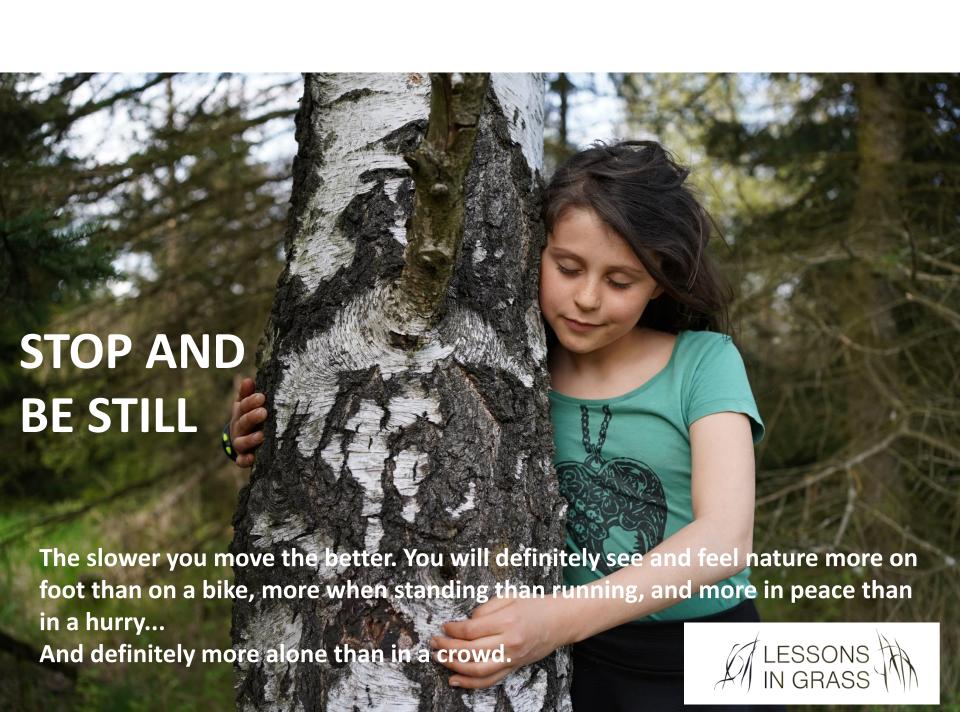






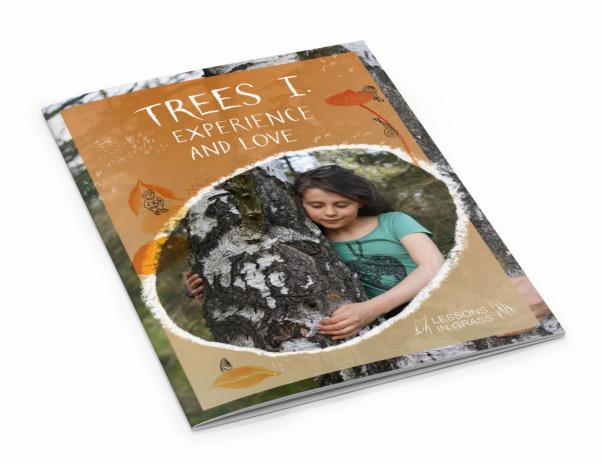


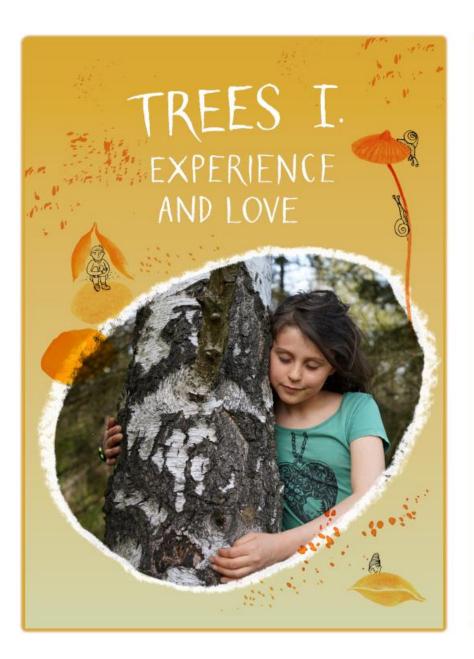






TREES I: Encourage children to build up their **sensitivity** to trees and develop a close **relationship** with them.





1 HELLO TREE



GOAL	a different kind of focus. The children have the opportunity to great the trees present in their surroundings and estimate how old they are and what they might have experienced.
TIME	10-20 minutes
AGE	5 to 8 or adults who like to play
WHERE	a place with trees or shrubs with plenty room to run
WHEN	all year round
YOU NEED	papers, pencils, pads for groups, colouring pencils, chalks

Go through familiar places with

1 A WALK

Walk with the children through a familiar place with trees and stop at each tree or some at random. Greet the trees during these brief stops.

2 TREELIFE

in addition to greeting the trees the children can ask: How old is this tree? Why do we think that? What did the tree see, feel, experience during its life? What might its name be? Children can talk about their guesses and they can also draw or write them down. It depends on how much time you have and the interests and abilities of the children.

3 THE MAP

Next, after the walk, stop among the trees and have the children draw, individually or together in groups, a simple map on paper or with chalk on a pavement and include the trees they stopped at. They should add the trees' age, their name for the trees, some interesting facts about the tree's life or whatever else they have "discovered".

1 TIP

If you have time, the desire and some natural materials, you can also create a model of the place and include the trees.

4 REFLECTION

Finally, look at the newly created map or maps and talk about them. What was it like to draw the map? How many trees are there? Which one do you think is the oldest and why? Which one is probably the youngest and why? What have the trees experienced? What were the difficulties with drawing the map? What could fit into the map? What else do you want to know about trees?



EVALUATION OF THE ACTIVITY'S GOAL (EVIDENCE OF LEARNING)

- The children walked among the trees and greeted them.
- The children had the opportunity to imagine the age, name and experiences of the trees.
- The children recorded the trees and their "stories" on the map.

A PICNIC AMONG THE TREES



To realise it is possible to have a feast, a snack, a rest, or just simply some fun among trees. The children will try to pause, slow down, taste and enjoy food among and/or in trees. The picnic among the trees is so pleasant for children that they will want to invite someone else.

The children will develop the ability to perceive their surroundings and look for pleasant soothing places in nature.

TIME	20–30 minutes
AGE	5 to 99
WHERE	a place with trees or shrubs
WHEN	all year round (the first time should be when it is warm but then try again on colder days)
YOU NEED	blanket, goodies, seat cushions, mugs, plates

PREPARATION

You can agree together in advance who will prepare and bring what. It's good to make the event more than just a picnic or snack outside. It is advisable to make it a festive occasion and give it an exceptional title, e.g. Tea Party. It's great to learn how to have unique moments every day.

2 TEATIME

Choose a place with the children, preferably somewhere among the trees or directly under a tree. It is advisable to check whether there isn't an anthill or other insect dwelling nearby. Spread the blankets and goodies. You can make a table centrepiece made of natural items and treasures.

3 INTRODUCTORY RITUAL

You can establish a simple ritual if the group is willing. Before you start feasting, sit in a circle and sing together or just listen in silence to the sounds of the surroundings. You can also greet the surrounding trees and thank them for the invitation or thank nature for all the goodies you have there.

SLOW CELEBRATION

Let's eat and drink, tell stories and feel comfortable among the trees. Whoever has finished eating can just lie down and look up into the treetops, or climb up and have dessert sitting on a branch.

! TIP

It is good if you can bring tea brewed from trees or shrubs, like rose hips, linden, etc.

5 SHARING AMONG THE TREES

At the very end, meet with the children in a circle once more to perform a farewell ritual to give thanks, and also to share what food you enjoyed during your outdoor picnic. It's great to talk with children about whom they would like to invite to a picnic (parents, friends, grandparents) and where their favourite place among trees is in the city, in the countryside, etc.).















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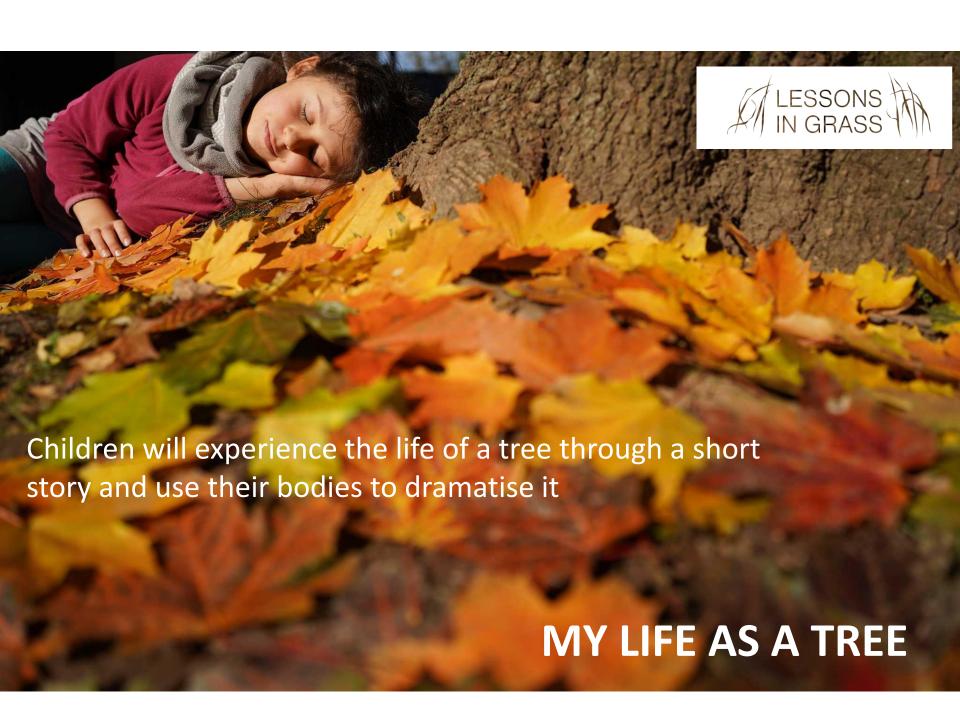






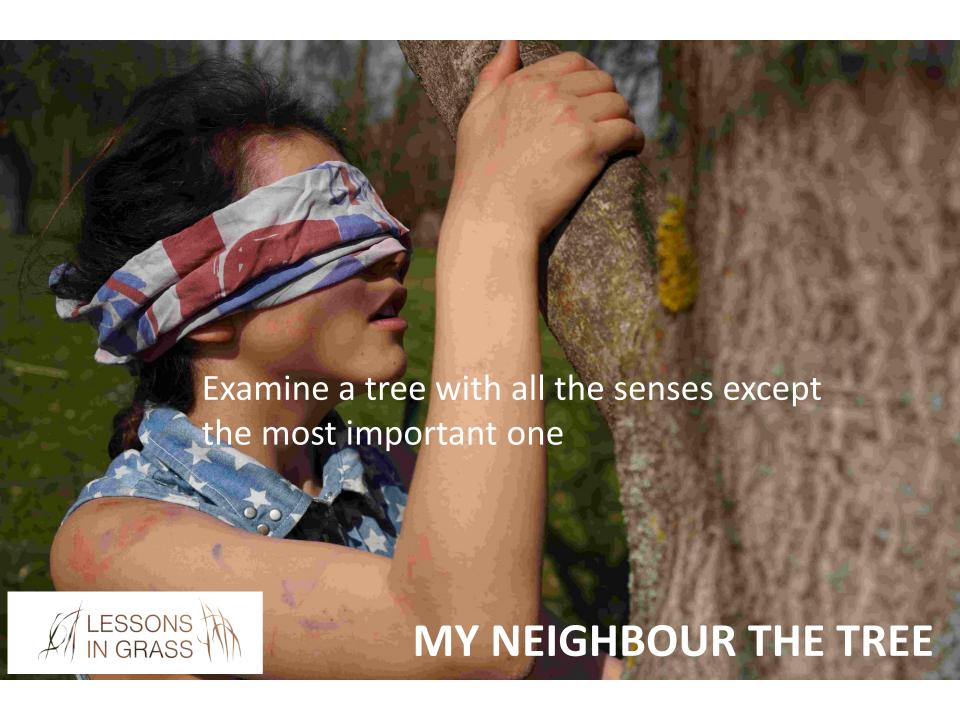










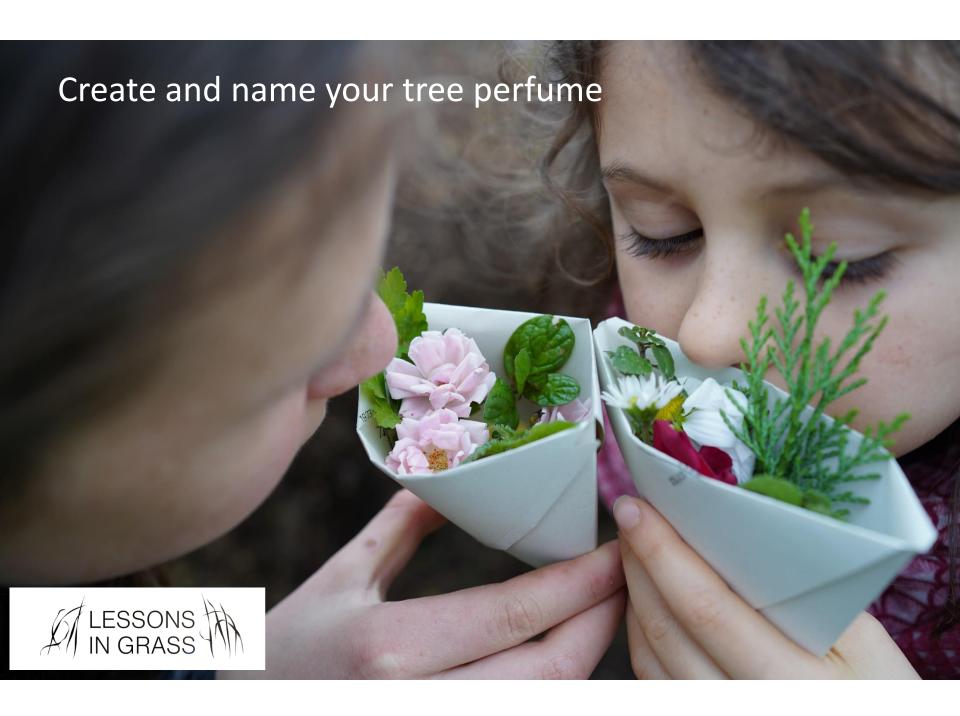




















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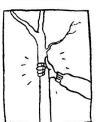
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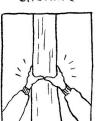




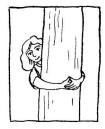
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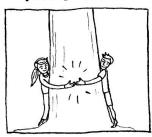
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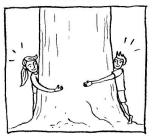
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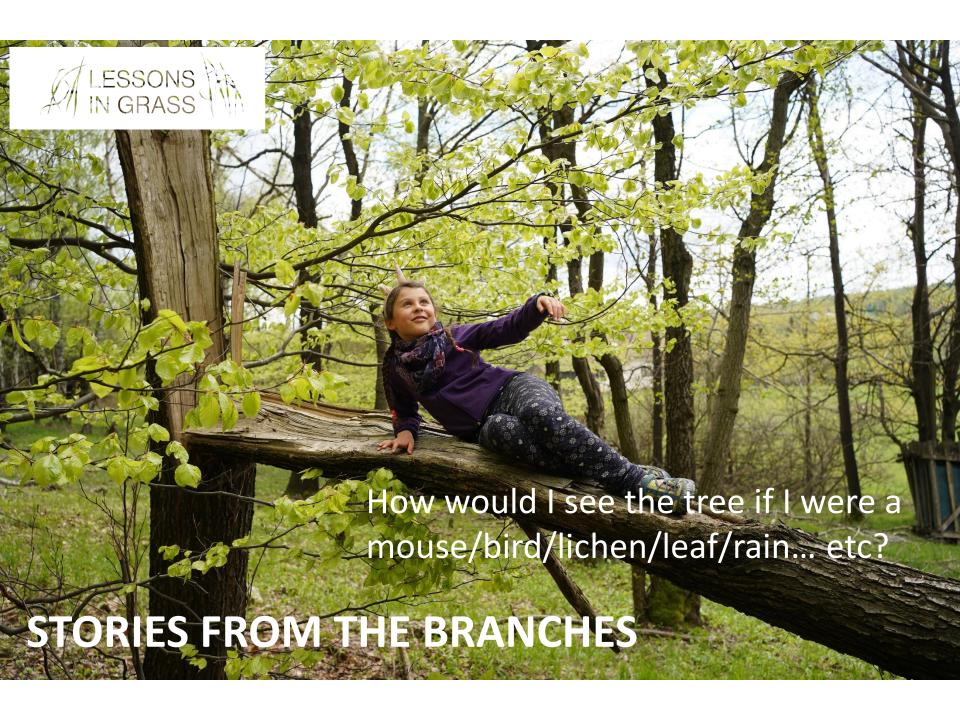
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find out is to spend there some time completely alone and in silence



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TREES II: experience trees and the forest as an **inspiring place** that boosts creativity.

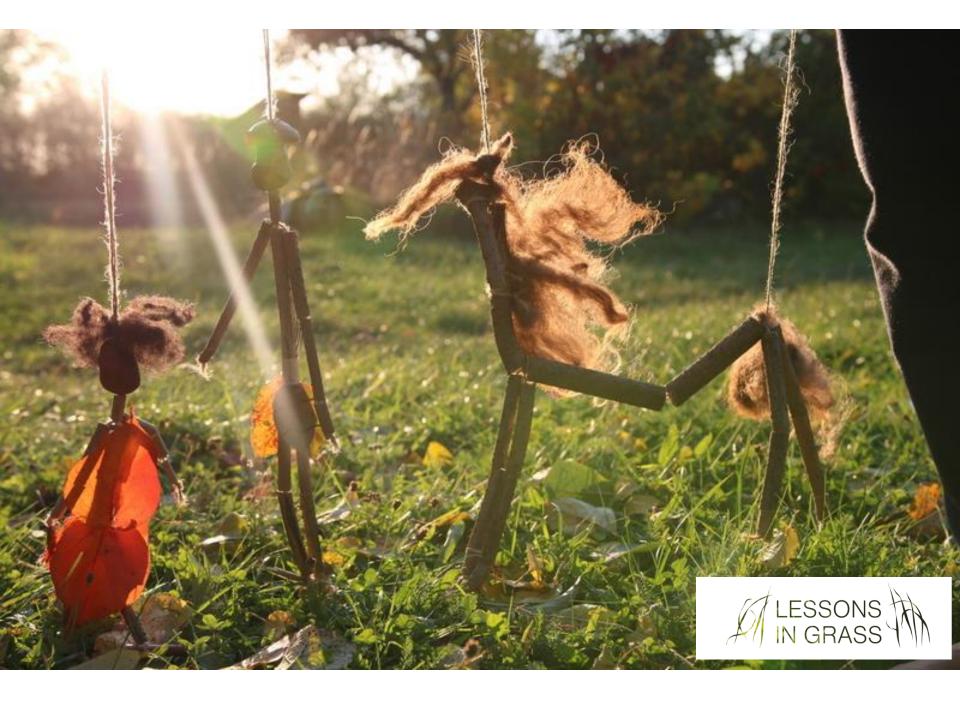


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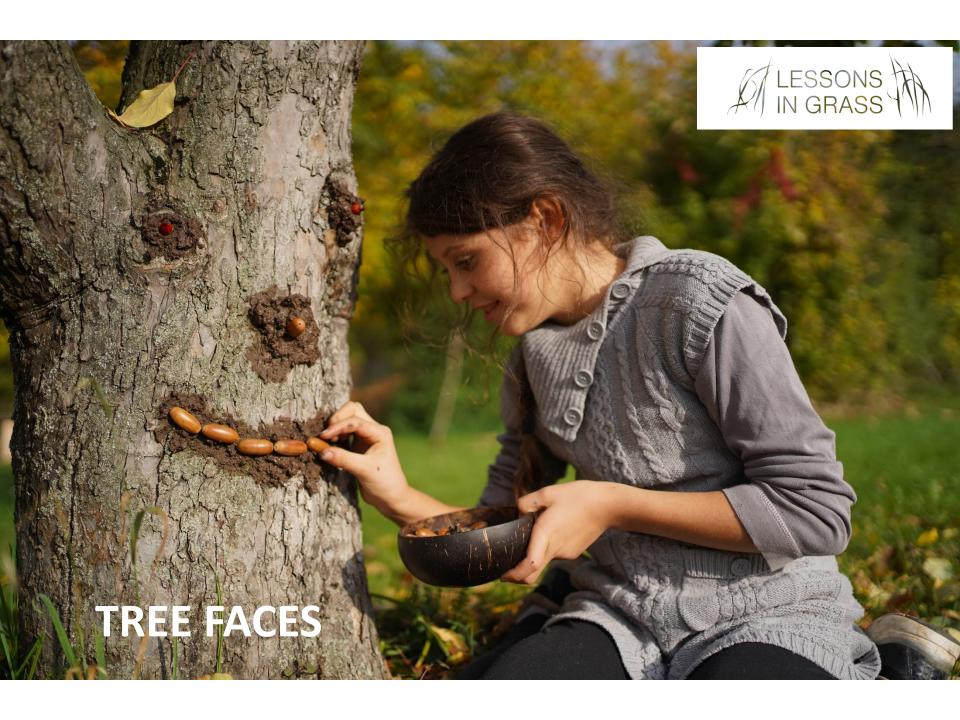
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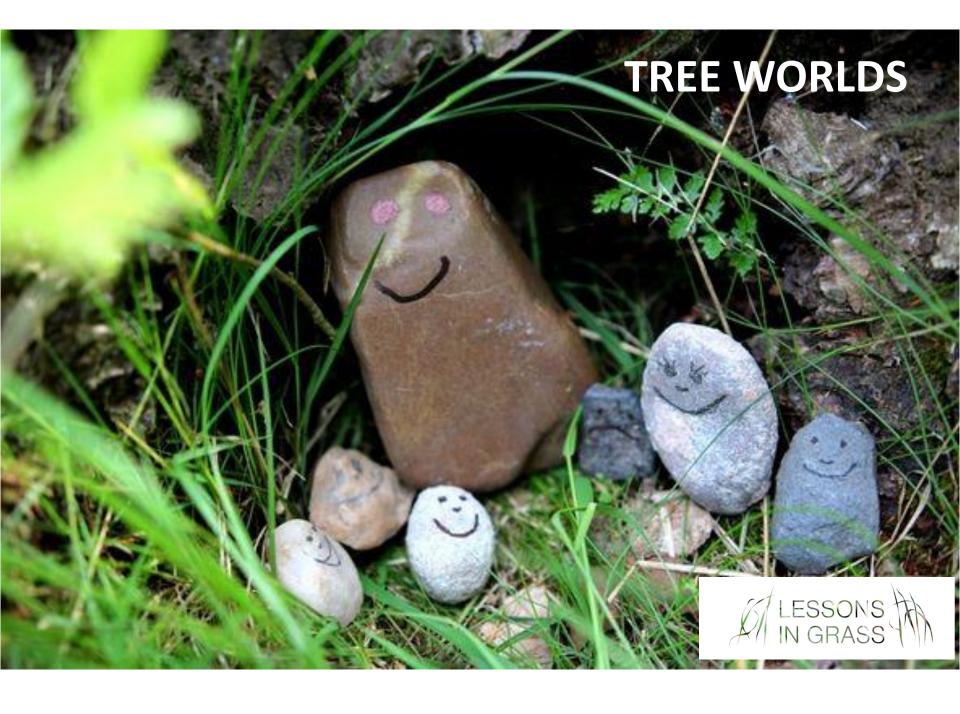
























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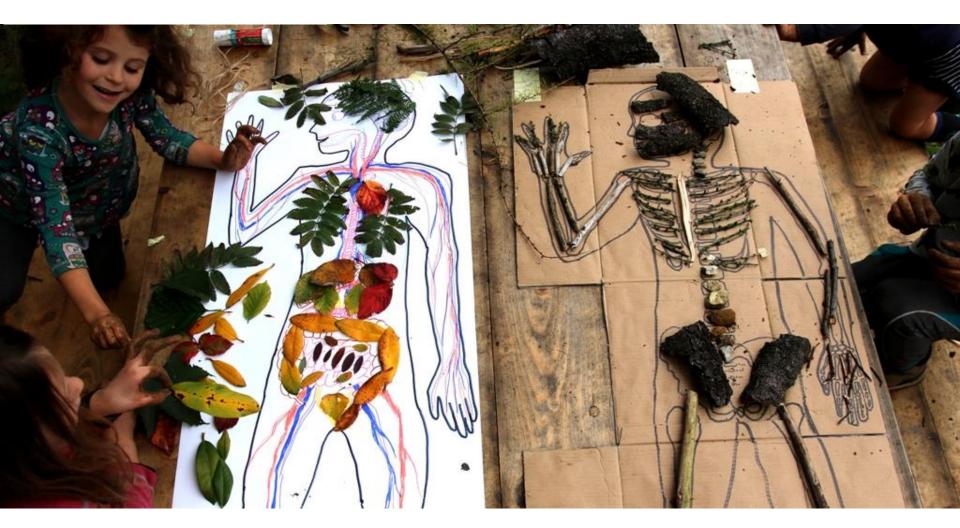
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