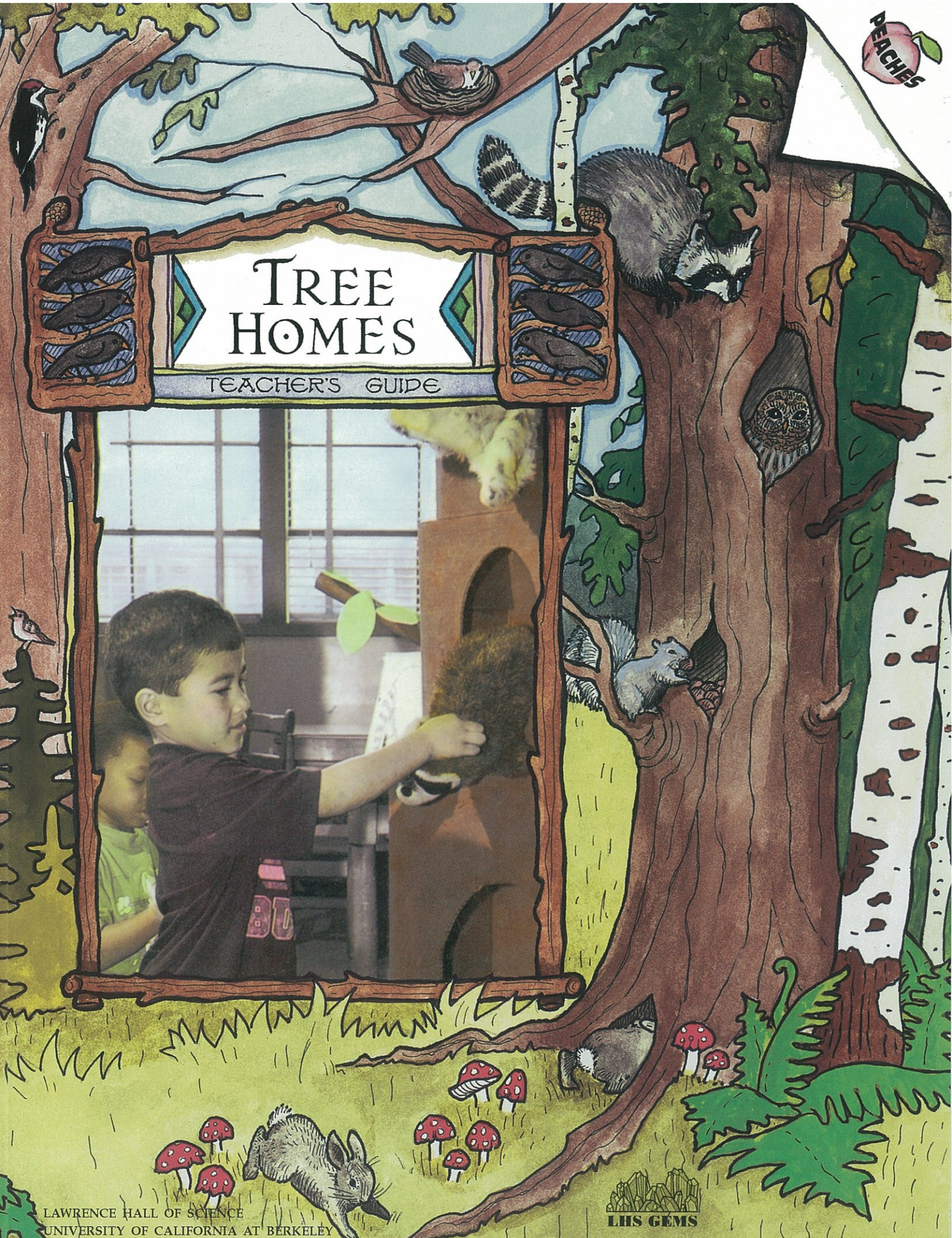


PEACHES

TREE HOMES

TEACHER'S GUIDE



Activity 1

Session 1

THE LIVING TREE

WHAT YOU NEED

For the whole group

- Access to a living tree
- Several branches from living trees or bushes (or have the youngsters gather them with you on their walk). Look for branches with fruit and ones that animals have visited.

Optional

- Several hand lenses
- 1 Parts Of A Tree poster on page 23

Session 2

THE CARDBOARD TREE

WHAT YOU NEED

For the whole group

- 3 cardboard boxes with flaps to make a tree trunk (You may want to select boxes that can be nested for storage. Also, keep the tree short enough so that the children can reach the top of the tree.)
 - 1 large box, at least 9" x 11" x 14"
 - 1 medium box, at least 7" x 8" x 11"
 - 1 small box, at least 6" x 6" x 8"
- 3 or more cardboard wrapping-paper rolls for tree branches (or you can use real branches)
- 1 container of brown poster paint
- 1 utility knife with a sharp, flat blade
- 1 8-oz. jar of white glue (or 8 large brads or about 5' of Velcro if you plan to nest the boxes for storage)
- 1 roll of masking tape
- 1 roll of double-stick tape

For each child

- 1 paintbrush
- 1 2½" x 4" rectangle (or 1 scrap) of brown, green, yellow, red, or orange paper for a leaf (or you can use a real leaf)

Optional

- 1 pair of scissors

Activity 2

Session 1

BEAR DRAMA AND ROLE PLAYING

WHAT YOU NEED

For the whole group

- 1 large cardboard tree
- 2 or more large toy bears
(The bears should fit through the largest tree hole.)
- 1 or more small toy bears
- 1 large brown paper bag
- Several acorns, nuts, and/or berries
- 1 toy grasshopper or other insect
- Large boxes, blankets, or bedspreads

Session 2

SORTING BEARS

WHAT YOU NEED

For each child and yourself

- 1 toy bear (Be sure to have extra bears available for those children who do not bring one.)

Activity 3

WHAT YOU NEED

For the whole group

- Child-size warm clothing:
 - 1 sweater
 - 1 coat
 - 1 sock
 - 1 glove
 - 1 hat
 - 1 scarf
- 1 or more blankets
- 1 large box or paper bag

Optional

- 1 large sheet of paper at least 12" x 18"
- Watercolor markers or crayons in a variety of colors

For each child

- 1 coat

Activity 4

Session 1

WHAT YOU NEED

For the whole group

- 1 large cardboard tree
- 1 toy raccoon that fits into the middle-sized hole of the cardboard tree, or a raccoon puppet
- 1 toy garbage can, or a plastic container, preferably with a lid
- 1 poster of The Raccoon
- Several warm adult sweaters, small quilts, bath towels, or child-size blankets
- Old socks
- Face paint or black crepe paper

Optional

- Raccoon pictures (See Resource Books on page 75.)
- Flashlight or small lamp

Session 2

WHAT YOU NEED

For each child

- 1 paper lunch bag
- Several berries, apple slices, nuts, and possibly a few cooked noodles

Session 3

WHAT YOU NEED

For the whole group

- 1 tray
- Newspapers, enough to cover the tray and work tables
- 1 large pair of scissors

Optional

- 1 role of transparent tape

For each child and yourself

- 1 sheet of 5" x 6" brown construction paper
- 1 black crayon (or marker)
- Paste or glue
- 1 paper lunch bag
- 1 handful of brown yarn cut into 1" to 3" pieces

Activity 5

Session 1

WHAT YOU NEED

For the whole group

- 1 large cardboard tree
- 2 toy owls (one slightly larger than the other) that fit into the top hole of the cardboard tree, or make two paper owls.
- 1 toy mouse, or paper mouse (Pattern K on page 63)
- 1 toy snake, or paper snake (Pattern L on page 63)
- 1 poster of The Owl
- Several feathers
- 1 lunch bag full of small sticks
- 1 handful of real or paper leaves
- Owl pictures (See Resource Books on page 75.)

Optional

- Flashlight or small lamp

Session 2

WHAT YOU NEED

For the whole group

- 1 large pair of scissors
- 1 tray

Optional

- 1 hole punch

For each child and yourself

- A 4" x 9" sheet of brown paper
- A 1" x 2" sheet of yellow paper, or 2 yellow peel-and-stick dots, or 2 hole reinforcements
- 1 black triangle (Pattern F on page 62)
- 1 black crayon or marker
- Paste or glue

Optional

- Several feathers

Session 3

WHAT YOU NEED

For the whole group

- 1 pair of large scissors

For each child and yourself

- 1 paper owl
- A 1" white paper square
- 1 pencil
- 1 paper lunch bag

Optional

- A copy of "The Owl Finger Play" on page 60

Activity 6

WHAT YOU NEED

For the group

- 1 large cardboard tree
- Several toy animals that could live in tree holes, such as rabbits, skunks, squirrels, opossums, birds, bees, or spiders.
- 1 large box or paper bag to hide the animals in
- 1 Tree Homes poster