Tree Lifecycle

In this activity, students will discover that trees have a lifecycle that is similar to that of other living things.

Trees have a lifecycle that includes birth, growth, injury and disease, aging, and death. The next time you are in the presence of trees, ask children to identify the various stages of a tree’s life.

- Are trees alive? How do you know?
- How are trees born? Do they die?
- How does a tree’s life compare to the life of a person?
- Can you find a young tree? An adult tree? An elderly tree? A dead tree?

Have children match up the tree lifecycle images below with their correct name using the numbers provided.

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___ Mature Tree
___ Seed
___ Snag (Dead Tree)
___ Sprout
___ Rotting Log
___ Sapling
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Plant Personification

Have children act out the lifecycle of a tree. They can curl up as a seed, kneel to sprout, stick up arms as branches, wiggle fingers for leaves, stand up to grow tall, spread feet to show roots, and fall over to die.