Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award

Shake the Tree!
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Related Books:
Tap the Magic Tree by Christie Matheson
Tree: A peek-through Picture Book by Britta Teckentrup
Apple Pie Tree by Zoe Hall
A Tree for Me by Nancy Van Laan
There Was a Tree by Rachel Isadora
Chicka, Chicka, Boom Boom by Bill Martin, Jr
Way Up High in a Tall Green Tree by Jan Peck
Trees by Lemniscates

Rhymes:
A Tree Is a Home
A tree may be a home for bird (flap arms like a bird)
A tree may be a home for bee (buzz your hand around)
A tree may be a home for snake (slithering snake)
A tree may be a home for monkey (swing your arms)
Hmmm. I wonder if a tree would make a good home for me? (point to self)
Credit: The Holiday Zone

Trees
Some trees are thin,
Some trees are tall,
Some trees are wide,
Some trees are small.

Some trees reach high,
Some trees bend low,
All trees are perfect,
No matter how they grow!
Credit: Lady Librarian Life

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Way Up High in the Apple Tree
Way up high in the apple tree (stretch arms up high)
I saw two apples looking at me (hold up two fingers)
I shook that tree as hard as I could (make a shaking motion)
Down came the apples... (make a downward motion)
And mmm, they were good! (smile and rub stomach)
Credit: Storytime Katie

Songs:

If You’re a Tree and You Know It
(Tune: If You’re Happy and You Know It)
If you’re a tree and you know it grow up high. (reach high)
If you’re a tree and you know it grow up high.
If you’re a tree and you know it and you really want to show it,
If you’re a tree and you know it grow up high.
Other verses included: Touch your roots (touch toes), and Wave your leaves (wave arms)
Credit: Storytime with Ms. Kelly

I’m a Tree, I have Four Needs
(Tune: Skip to My Lou)
I’m a tree, I have four needs.
I’m a tree, I have four needs.
I’m a tree, I have four needs.
Do you know what they are?
(I need lots and lots of sun, to grow big and strong / I need water now and then, to grow big and strong / I need air just like you, to grow big and strong / I need soil for my roots, to grow big and strong)
Credit: The Holiday Zone

“A Dancing Tree” from Keep it Real! by Caspar Babypants
“Shakin’ Like a Leafy Tree” from Racing to the Rainbow by The Wiggles
“The Birds in the Trees” from Groovy Green by Mr. Eric and Mr. Michael

Activities:
Craft: Print bare trees on cardstock and allow children to color brown, then finger paint green, red, and yellow leaves onto it. Dot markers or Bingo type markers are another option. Sunflower Storytime

Hiding owl in tree- Create trees with varying colored tops from felt. Also create owl from felt. Hide the owl in the branches of a tree and recite the following rhyme:
Owl, owl, where do you hide? Are you in the (color) tree? Let’s peek inside!
Have the children call out a color to find the owl.

Decorate a Tree: Gather branches, a container (like a vase/jar), leaf shapes, green yarn, green beads, clothespins and other loose parts. Encourage the children to decorate their tree as they chose.