

This is chant used for counting backwards for an individual or a group. Have the children begin by placing the leaves on the branches of the tree. Use real or paper leaves. Start with 5 leaves for younger children.

Well I looked at the tree and the tree said to me—
“Can you count the leaves on me as they fall”?

So I looked at the tree and I said to the tree—
“I will count the leaves on you as they fall”.

There are 10 leaves (remove one. Place it on the ground under the tree)

Now there are 9 (remove another)

Now there are 8 (continue chanting and removing leaves down to zero)

Then a BIG wind came and blew all the leaves away. (Blow the leaves away, then gather them up and play again or save until next time).



