GRASSHOPPERS ON A LEAF

Game
Ages 3 (or so) through 2nd or 3rd grade

Objectives
To have fun!
Motor skills
Listening skills
Fair play

Equipment
- It helps to have a circle on the ground (in gym or playground)
- A long piece or rope or garden hose can form your circle if you are indoors or have no other circle

Procedure
Kids stand around the outside of a circle. The circle represents the edge of the leaf. The children are grasshoppers. The caller (generally the grown-up in the group) starts by saying “Grasshoppers on the leaf!” The grasshoppers are all to jump into the circle.

“Grasshoppers off the leaf!” They jump out of the circle.

“Grasshoppers on the leaf!” And so on… The object is then to trick the children by yelling “Grasshoppers on the leaf” twice. Those expecting to hear “Grasshoppers off the leaf!” jump out and are out. They become aphids (or other leaves… or anything), sitting inside the circle. Their job is to help catch grasshoppers that miss the directions.

The children will want to play more than once! This is a very fun 15-minute quick and easy time killer!