

## **GRASSHOPPERS ON A LEAF**

### **Game**

Ages 3 (or so) through 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 of 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!