

# The Acorn



Just for Kids...  
(of all ages)

Have you ever heard anyone mention moving *between the worlds*? Or *crossing over*, or the *veil*/being thin? At this time of year, you may hear a lot of these things come up in conversation at Pagan gatherings. Many traditions honor the dead at Samhain, making special note of those who have passed away from this life within the last Wheel of the Year. When someone dies, we often say they have "crossed over," meaning they have moved from this physical world into another kind of place. Some call this the "spirit realm" or the *Summerland*, a place where many folks believe that our spirits rest while waiting for a new lifetime to begin.

The *veil* is the layer of...well...of *something* that divides our world from the next. Some people think of this as a curtain, and others as a kind of mist, a foggy place where nothing is clear, that our spirits pass through when they travel between worlds. (Maybe this is kind of like the feeling you have right before falling asleep, or when you first wake up - when you are still halfway in the world of dreams.) The veil is considered to be at its thinnest at this time of year, allowing spirits leaving this world to easily pass through as the old year fades and passes away. We might see and hear things that are usually hidden from us, as those on the other side of the veil may find it easier to communicate with us now.

## In This Issue:

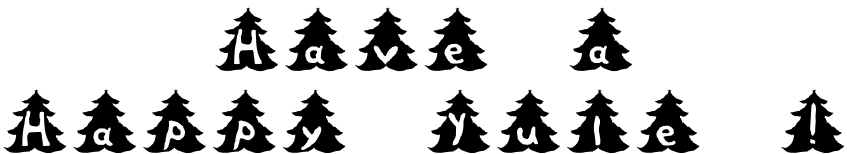
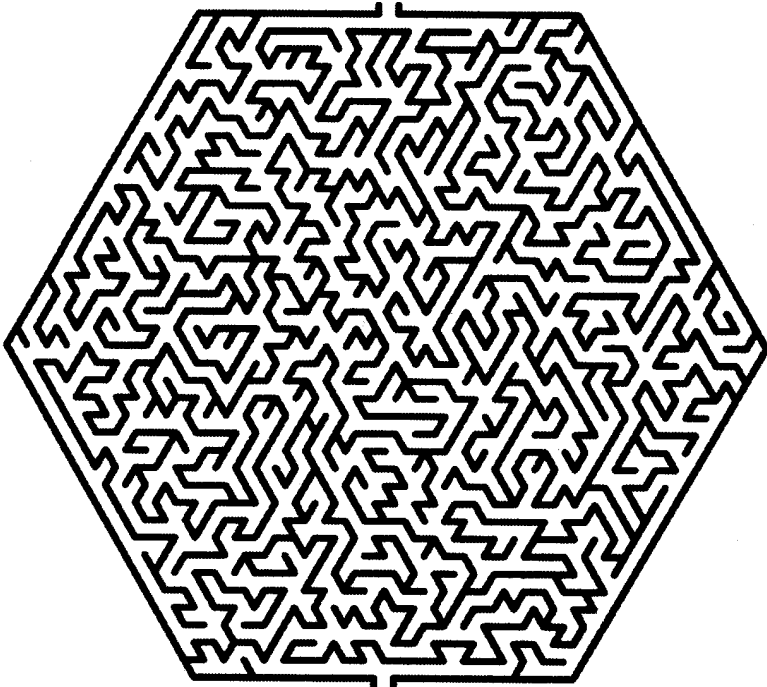
Between the Worlds	1
Holiday Maze	2
Coloring Page	3
Kidspirations	4
Crafts by Starlite	7
The Fox's Den	8

In this season of mystery, look closely about you. That shadowy movement you see out of the corner of your eye *could* be just the wind - or it could be the edge of the veil, moving in the breeze to show you a glimpse of what lies beyond it...





Help to put the  on the Yule tree!



*(Answers found on page 46 of the Oak Leaf)*



Here are some elements for you to color – they were made with stencils, from Dragon.



**\*\*\*Kidspirations!\*\*\***

Running Away

Running Faster and Faster  
Not Knowing Where To Stop  
Where To Hide  
Is It Safe  
I Do Not Know  
Did It Give Up  
Did It Stop  
I Do Not Know  
I Dare Not Stop  
I Look Behind Me  
And I Stop  
I See Myself Running Away  
From My Troubles  
So I Go Back  
Will The Troubles End  
I Do Not Know  
That Is A Mystery To  
Everyone But Itself  
~ Dragon, Age 11 ~



Artwork by Wren  
Age 12



**Kids!! Send us YOUR writing, drawings, thoughts, or ideas for the next Acorn...we would love to see your creative work in here!**



## Rhyka's Song

By Dragon

It's OK, It's all right  
Everything's going to be all right  
Don't you Worry, Don't you Cry  
Everything's going to be all right  
All you have to do is hold my finger tight



It's OK, It's all right  
I'll slay the Dragons, I'll fight the Battles  
All you have to do is hold my finger tight  
Don't you Worry, Don't you Cry  
Everything's going to be all right

It's OK, It's all right  
Everything's going to be all right  
I'll tuck you in at night  
I'll even give you a night light



Here come the Hugs and Kisses  
I hope you have a good time  
I'll wake you up in the morning  
We'll even spend the day together  
It's OK, It's all right  
Everything's going to be all right

Rhyka (pronounced Rick-ah) is Dragon's brand new cousin.

Dragon got to spend the summer in Alaska,  
to help Rhyka's mom before and after Rhyka's birth.  
She wrote this song to help her new little cousin get to sleep.



**Crafts by Starlite** ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆ 



**Samhain - October 31st**



At this time of year when we honor our dead, why not have a Day of the Dead altar? Our Mexican brothers and sisters traditionally honor their dead for three days and nights, beginning on November 1st. They make elaborate altars for those who have passed through the curtain. Some of their altar items are the same as those you might find on a witch's altar.

**Day of the Dead Altar**

<i>Candle</i>	<i>Photos of Those Remembered</i>
<i>incense</i>	<i>Flowers (large Marigolds are used)</i>
<i>Shells</i>	<i>Chalice of Water or Wine</i>
<i>Masks</i>	<i>Special Food for the Dead</i>
<i>Bread</i>	<i>Sugar Skulls (see below)</i>
<i>Small Tabletop</i>	<i>Colorful Cloth or Scarves</i>

Anything that was special to the dead who were being honored can also be placed on the altar. Some cultures include items dealing with animals that are believed to help the dead pass on to another life: a black dog ( a guide for the soul), a frog, or a rooster feather, for the beginning of a new time.

**Fake Sugar Skulls**

<i>Plastic Skull</i>	<i>Paints</i>
<i>Yarn</i>	<i>Markers</i>

Sugar skulls are very popular on the Mexican Day of the Dead altar, but making them as they do in Mexico isn't easy! First of all - sorry, kids, the molds are very hard to find in our



local area. Also, they are not easy to make, so we can make the next best thing - fake sugar skulls, made from the plastic skulls easily found in stores right now! These skulls can be decorated with paint, markers, yarn, glitter, or whatever you feel like using. The sugar skulls on Mexican altars are usually VERY colorful, with flowered hair and wildly-decorated faces. Use your imagination, and have fun making your skull!



## Yule - December 21st



Yule is the time for celebrating and snow. You can make some paper snowflakes to decorate! If you are online, check out Dave's Paper Snowflake Page at: [www.daves-snowflakes.com](http://www.daves-snowflakes.com) !!

### Ice Candle Holders

*Bucket or large Bowl*

*Water*

*The Outdoor Cold*

*Stones or Rocks*

*Yogurt Cup (or similar-sized container)*

Fill yogurt cup with rocks or stones. Place it in bucket (or large bowl). Add water almost to top of the container. Set outside to freeze. When frozen, remove container and ice from bucket. Add a candle to the hole inside, and then light for your Yule celebration and enjoy!

### Yule Guest Book

*Colored Pens or Pencils*

*Sketchbook (no lines) or Scrapbook*

Create a guest book for holiday visitors to sign, just like at a hotel. Have friends and family sign in when they arrive for Yule. Add Pictures taken and whatever you what.... Keep adding to it for years and years!





## The Fox's Den



Oh the things you can do on a blustery day!

Not long ago I heard someone...maybe someone just about your age...complain that they were bored. I find that I get very impatient with that, because I don't understand it at all - I don't think I've ever really been bored in my life, so it doesn't make a lot of sense to me. My mom told me when I was very small that "only boring people can be bored" - and then she always showed me that there were easily a hundred things to do, if people could only see the possibilities!

Since I know that those who find themselves bored aren't really all boring people - maybe no one has ever shown them how to look at all the choices they have - I want to share a few ideas that are my favorites for "what to do" when a little bit of unplanned time shows up!

**\*Read a Book!** (If you know me, you knew that would come first!) Something brand new (go to the library & see what's available, if you haven't been there lately) or an old favorite...or try reading something that's unlike anything you usually read. Read out loud - to your parents, a younger child, your pets, your friends, or your plants! Read a play, & be ALL of the characters!

**\*Color or finger-paint.** Coloring is very relaxing (it's a favorite at our local high school among seniors to de-stress them before tests), & finger-painting is an amazing adventure if you haven't done it in years!

**\*Bake something wonderful.** Get out a cookbook, or go to the store & buy a cake or cookie mix. Nothing tastes as good when cold weather sets in as something warm from the oven, to share with your family & friends, or just to munch yourself as a lazy-day treat!

**\*Write a letter** - to a friend, to your grandparents or parents, letting them know how important they are to you - or to yourself, to open in ten years, telling about who you are right now & what your life is like.

**\*Sing, dance, write, sleep...& say "thank you"** out loud, because you have the ability to do so many things, & the time to do them if you choose!

