



SLSO At Home Learning

The Four Seasons



Selected movements from Antonio Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*

- [Summer](#), mvt. 3
- [Autumn](#), mvt. 1
- [Winter](#), mvt. 1
- [Spring](#), mvt. 1

Learning Activity No. 1

List traits that describe each of the four seasons. For example, Spring: green leaves, flowers, birds singing, rain. Then without identifying the season, play the above listening selections from Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons* and allow the child to guess what season they are listening to. After each selection, discuss the following questions: What season do you think Antonio Vivaldi was trying to portray? What did you hear in the music that made you think of this season?

Learning Activity No. 2



Share how each of the four seasons makes you feel. Next demonstrate ways you might move through each of the four seasons. Listen to the musical selection for that season and try your movements. Do they match the music? Why or why not? If not, what movements might match the music?

Learning Activity No. 3



Pick a season and create your own animal. Draw or write about the animal, including information on the animal's natural habitat. The habitat should incorporate elements of the season they selected. Also incorporate any physical characteristics and behavior adaptations of the animal as appropriate to the selected season. For example, if it's winter and the temperature is cold, how does the animal stay warm?

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741) was an Italian composer, violinist, teacher, and a Catholic priest. He was born in Venice in 1678. At the age of 15 he joined the priesthood. For much of his adult life, he served as the music director at an orphanage for young girls. It was there that he wrote most of his music, including many pieces for violin, which he taught the students to play, as well as religious choral songs for them to sing. Vivaldi most famous work is a collection of violin concertos called *Le quattro stagioni*, or *The Four Seasons*. Each season is inspired by a sonnet, a type of poem, and vividly depicts the mood and feeling of each season.





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