

Nature Scavenger Hunt

Adapted from Kids Gardening's "Scavenger Hunt in the Garden" lesson. More lessons and ideas at KidsGardening.org

Outdoors activities don't need to only be about crouching down and looking close. This scavenger hunt can have you running all over the playground in search of natural objects of many kinds.

- Place in the Schedule: outside
- Objectives: observe the variety of objects found outdoors; match drawn symbols to real objects
- GOLD Objectives: 8b - follows directions, 11a - attends and engages, 11b - persists

Supplies

- Scavenger hunt worksheets (at end of lesson)
- Markers or stickers

Preparation

- Look around ahead of time so you know where you can find the things on the list
- Be sure and identify any hazards, such as wasp nests or poison ivy to avoid them (and report them to be removed)

Activity

1. Hand out worksheets and sticker sheets or markers and explain that we will be looking for all kinds of things outside.
 - a. If the children will be working cooperatively in groups, just the adult helper needs the worksheet and stickers/marker
2. Point to the pictures and explain that we will be trying to find all of the things in these pictures. You can have the children work individually, in small groups, or a larger group.
3. Look around the playground to find the items on the sheet.
4. After finding all of them you can dismiss the children if they're antsy and need to keep running around, or you can keep them together to talk for a moment
 - a. Where did we find these things? On the ground? In the air? On Plants?
 - b. Which thing was the hardest to find? Which was the easiest? Why do you think that is?

Optional Expansions

- Language: use descriptive words such as soft, hard, and round to describe objects instead of images. Children will probably need help recognizing written words, but you can practice some letter recognition as appropriate for the child. Alternate worksheet at end of lesson.
- Art: use sidewalk chalk to draw the things you saw on the ground

Scavenger Hunt Worksheet – Images



Sun



Bird



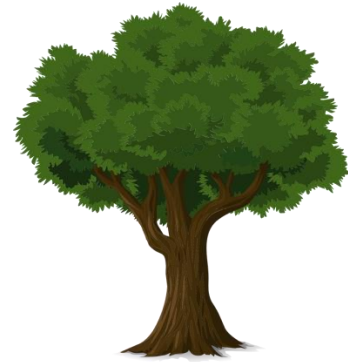
Bee



Soil



Grass



Tree



Flower



Cloud



Water

Scavenger Hunt Worksheet – Adjectives

Soft	Hard	Wet
Dry	Rough	Smooth
Small	Big	Round

Scavenger Hunt Worksheet – Colors

