

WORKSHOP EXTENSION ACTIVITY

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Ages 5-12

CONNECT.

Have you ever listened to a story, read a book, or watched a movie that involved a hidden treasure? If so, think about what happened! Where was the treasure hidden? Why was the treasure hidden? Who found it? And what was inside?

INVESTIGATE.

Before you hide your own Treasure Chest, get yourself into character by coming up with a pirate name for yourself. Start with either your real first name *or* a first name that you would like to be called if you were a pirate. Then brainstorm a few clever or funny adjectives that you could put before this first name. (For instance: *Slimy*, *Sneaky*, *Dreadful*, or *Courageous*.) Finally, put the two together and you've got a pirate's name!

Now with your name in your head and your Treasure Chest in your hand, take a walk around your home as you consider where you should hide it! Remember: Treasure Chests usually hold prized possessions, so it should *not* be somewhere that's easy to find!

INNOVATE.

Once you have a location in mind (and before you hide it!), create a map that a family member could use to find the hidden treasure.

You'll need:

- Your Treasure Chest
- Paper
- Tape or glue
- Ruler
- Craft paint
- Paintbrush
- Permanent markers
- Twine
- Optional: Tea bags

1. Decide how large you would like your map to be and use tape or glue to attach pieces of paper together.
2. Decide *how* you will design your map. Your family should be able to use this map to find the treasure... but it shouldn't be too easy! Use a pencil to sketch outlines of the rooms of your home. Then add a few other details to help people identify each room.
3. X marks the spot! Once you're happy with your map, draw an X where the treasure will be hidden.

4. Then use the permanent markers and paint to add color to your map and bring it to life.
5. *Optional:* Most treasure maps were created hundreds of years ago! Want to give your map the illusion of being older than it actually is? You could:
 - Carefully tear small pieces of paper off the edges to make it look worn.
 - Crumple your map up into a ball and then flatten it back out.
 - Soak a tea bag in water and then rub it over your map to give it a faded appearance. Wait until the map is completely dry before moving on.
6. Finally, carefully roll your map into a scroll and tie it with a piece of twine.
7. Once your Treasure Chest (complete with a treasure inside, if you'd like!) is carefully hidden, present your map to your family and see if they can find the hidden treasure!



After you create your Treasure Chest, you will hide it in a secret location! Based on your map, you'll know where you've hidden it. Just like a **Landscaper** will create a beautiful environment with plants and map out the way they want it to look. A **Landscaper** is responsible for growing and caring for the outdoor grounds of homes or buildings by creating design plans, planting flowers, and removing weeds.

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