

# Hidden Treasure!

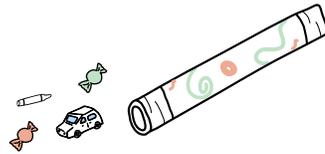
## Finding Math

Make and hide a treasure for someone you love! Along the way practice counting, using positional words like below and behind, and map making!

### MATERIALS

- Cardboard tube
- Tape
- Small "treasures" you already have to fill the tube: stickers, candy, small toys, crayons, etc
- Something to draw with

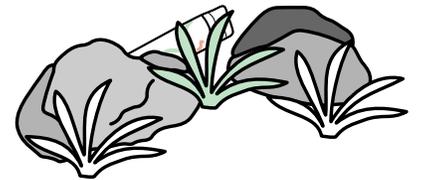
# 1



### Treasure Tube

Start with a cardboard tube. Use tape to close one end. Next, fill your tube with small treasures: a secret message, a picture, candy, a small toy, crayons or stickers - whatever you have! Chat about the size, shape and number of treasures that fit in the tube!

Once the tube is full, seal the open end with tape. If you want, decorate or wrap it in paper.



# 2

### Hide It!

Next, find a good place to hide your tube. Talk about where you are going to hide it. Are you going to hide it under something? On top, behind or next to? Using these "positional words" boosts early math skills.

# 3

### Draw a Map

If you want, make a map to help your friend find the hidden treasure. Your map can be as detailed or vague as you want. Maybe you draw a path through the rooms in your home, or to a spot in the yard or park. Things to think about:

- What do you need to put on your map to help your friend?
- How will they know where to start?
- Are you using symbols? How will your friend know what the symbols mean?



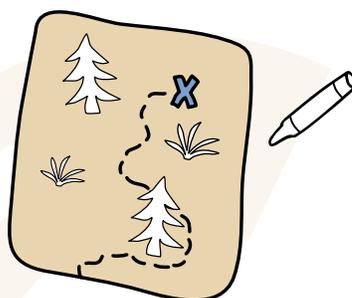
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### Go on a Hunt!

Deliver your treasure map to your friend, or tell them there is treasure to find!

As they search for the treasure, help guide them. You can use "warmer" and "cooler" to let them know when they are getting close, or farther away. You can also help guide the by using positional words "you need to go through a door" or "walk behind a tree!"

Happy hunting!



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Use this page to draw a treasure map!

