



Leader Guide Instructions

This *Bible Verse Hunt: Nature Edition* transforms the concept of a fun scavenger hunt into an opportunity to learn more about God's Word. It's designed to work well in a variety of settings, from children's church or midweek worship to fun family devotions at home.

Weather permitting, this Bible Verse Hunt gets kids outdoors, using their senses to interact with nature. The built-in lesson plan is easy to adapt to your environment, time frame, and children's needs. Best of all, the hands-on activity is based on God's Word and reinforces the importance of reading and memorizing Scripture.

Kids can go on the seek-and-find mission individually, in pairs or in teams. After completing the hunt, everyone can gather for discussion and prayer. You also can challenge children to learn a memory verse or two from the list and to apply those Scriptures to their lives.

Choose From Two Versions

Two versions of the *Bible Verse Hunt: Nature Edition* are available, both filled with Bible verses from the Old and New Testaments. Download and print copies of the age-level version that best fits your kids.

- The **Regular** version contains 12 verses, each with a fill-in-the-blank word. Kids can look up the Scripture references in their Bibles to locate the missing nature-themed words before setting out to locate those items. This version works well for most elementary students, although some may need assistance looking up Bible verses.
- The **Junior** version features 6 Bible verses, written out completely, with one word in bold. Teachers and parents can read aloud each verse and tell children which nature item to go find. This version is ideal for preschoolers, pre-K students and even some lower-elementary kids.

Tips for Success

- Use a kid-friendly Bible version, such as the NIV (New International Version).

- Depending on the season and your location, you may need to bring the scavenger hunt indoors. Hide the nature-related objects around your classroom, Sunday school area or home.
- If certain items aren't readily available, buy them—or print a photo of them from the internet—and hide those instead. For example, a craft feather can substitute for a “real” bird feather.
- Provide additional hints if children can't find something or get frustrated. Adapt the material to meet children's needs and learning styles.
- Depending on children's ages, abilities and interests, you can have them set out on the scavenger hunt as a class or family. Other alternatives include forming pairs or small groups. Older kids can hunt for clues on their own and may enjoy turning this activity into a friendly competition. Then again, they may enjoy cooperating with other team members. Just make the experience fun so it's memorable and positive!
- Remember to gather and debrief afterward. Talk about how the nature items reveal the truth of each Scripture verse and what we can learn from the passages.
- Encourage children to choose one or more Bible verses from the list to memorize. Or use the entire list as your Sunday school or home-devotions memory-work guide for the next few weeks or months.