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Connection Challenge — Week of April 20, 2020: Treasure Hunt Chain Game

An individual makes a treasure to hide and prompts another to find it. As each hunter finds a unique treasure, they pass along the clue to another hunter. This makes a treasure hunt chain.

Safety Note: This game does not require physical closeness between people outside of the same household. Everyone should follow the game instructions within whatever is acceptable related to local physical distancing and shelter-in-place directives. For some, this may allow going outside away from your household and playing the game with nearby community members; for others, this may allow the game to be played only within your household and with people living there. **It's fun regardless of your current boundaries!**

Instructions

1. Find a rock, shell, piece of wood, or other plain object no larger than the size of your fist and that is okay to decorate.
2. Decorate the object (e.g., using permanent markers, paints, or other craft items) to create your own unique treasure! It should include somehow illustrating one thing you are **grateful** for in your life right now.
3. Decide where to hide the treasure and place it in that location.
4. Develop a short riddle or other kind of clue to hint at where your treasure is hidden.
5. Give your clue to another person (the "hunter"), so they can decipher the clue to locate the treasure. (Use whatever communication methods work best for your situation.)
6. When the hunter finds the treasure, they should leave it where they found it but document the discovery by taking a photo, drawing a picture, or writing a description of the treasure object. The documentation should NOT reveal the object's location in any way.

Sample Riddle Clues

Inside the House

Here, when you sit down to rest
In the living room
This spot is the best.

(the treasure is under a favorite chair.)

Outside in Yard

In the spring, they come to nest
A feathery pair will spot the place
It will pass the test.

(the treasure is in a birdhouse.)

Outside in Southeast Alaskan Neighborhood

Cultural heritage is where it's at —
To find this treasure
Look under the hat.

(The treasure would be at the base of a totem pole with a character that has on a hat.)

7. The hunter communicates the documentation back to you, confirming a successful hunt. Lastly, instruct the hunter to do the following:
 - Pass the clue on to a new treasure hunter and repeat the process for rediscovering this treasure. This will be the next link in this hunt chain.
 - Complete steps above to create, hide, and launch a hunt chain for a new unique treasure.
8. As possible, each hunter reports their treasure collection using Facebook, Instagram, etc. Include the name of your community and use the hashtag **#connectionmatters**, if possible.