

LET'S GO ON A SCAVENGER HUNT!



MATERIALS:

- MR. TAXI or MR. TAXI'S WILD RIDE!
- The space around them - inside or outside
- Simple props for a scavenger hunt such as: Children friendly binoculars / magnifying glass / flashlight / hiking hat / plastic whistle

ACTIVITY:

Together, after reading and engaging children in *Mr. Taxi* or *Mr. Taxi's Wild Ride!*, invite them to play dress-up using simple scavenger hunt objects / clothing such as binoculars, magnifying glass, flashlight, hiking hat, whistle, etc. to hunt for objects of different colors / sizes in their surrounding environment. Using the color or size words in the books, go hunting for things that they find around them that match! Tell them what color or size to look for and when they find three things that match, they get to blow the whistle three times. Then...do the happy-dance and go searching again! Tweeeet!

Here's an example:

Grown-up: "Let's go hunting for something tall!"

Child: "I found a tree!"

Grow-up: "Well DONE! What else can you find that's tall?"

Child: "That swing set!"

Or:

Grown-up: "Let's go hunting for something blue!"

Child: "I see the sky!"

Grow-up: "Well DONE! What else can you find that's blue?"

Child: "My ball!"

When the child finds three things of a certain color or size, they get to blow the whistle three times.
(Repeat)

(This activity can be enjoyed with small groups too!)

WHAT CHILDREN LEARN:

When children explore their world, they develop size awareness. This awareness helps them solve problems and see the world from multiple perspectives. Size awareness also helps provide an understanding of concepts such as area, volume, capacity, and spatial sense. It helps them classify and sort and as they notice differences in size, they gain early math skills too!

Maybe after the scavenger hunt, they can draw or write with you about their experience! High Five!