

The Hidden Treasure of Home

A Family Treasure Hunt About Joy, Gratitude, and the Good Things Already Around Us

A playful family activity with clues, word tokens, dice, secret choices, laughter, and a final family treasure.



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Time needed: 35-60 minutes

Best for: families, mixed ages, small groups

Printing: A4

Before You Begin

This activity helps a family discover joy in ordinary places at home. It is not based on service outside the home. It is a playful treasure hunt about gratitude, memory, laughter, scripture, kind words, and the good already around us.

Choose the roles before starting. One person may hold more than one role.

Role	What they do
Treasure Keeper	Reads each clue card aloud, keeps the game moving, and reveals the final treasure if one is used.
Opening prayer	Offers the opening prayer.
Scripture reader	Reads the chosen scripture or gives a short summary.
Clue Hider	Chooses the clue route, hides one word token at each chosen clue location, and hides the final treasure if one is used.
Dice Roller	Rolls the die at each clue location. Younger children often enjoy this role.
Word Collector	Collects the hidden word tokens and brings them back to the table.
Joy Scribe	Writes down the words, answers, and final family joy sentence.
Closing prayer	Offers the closing prayer at the end.

Materials

- This printed activity pack
- A bowl, jar, envelope, or small container
- Scissors
- Pens or pencils
- One six-sided die, or a coin if you do not have a die
- Optional sticky tape or folded paper for hiding clues
- Optional small family treasure, such as a treat, bookmark, note, simple dessert, or special drink
- Colouring pencils for younger children
- Scriptures, Gospel Library, or a printed scripture chosen by the family

Family note: The aim is not to make the evening perfect. The aim is to help everyone participate, notice blessings, and finish with warmth.

Scripture Choices

Choose one suggested scripture, or choose your own. Read only a short portion if time is limited. The purpose is to let scripture shape the activity, not to make the evening feel rushed or formal.

Scripture	Joy and treasure focus
Psalm 118:24	We can rejoice in the day the Lord has given us.
Philippians 4:4	Joy can be remembered and chosen again.
2 Nephi 2:25	God's plan includes joy.
Doctrine and Covenants 59:7	Gratitude helps us notice blessings.
Alma 26:11-12	We can rejoice in God's goodness and strength.
Proverbs 17:22	A cheerful heart can lift the spirit.
1 Nephi 16:10, 28-29	The Liahona guided Lehi's family as they gave heed and exercised faith.
Your own scripture	Choose any scripture that helps your family think about joy, gratitude, guidance, or home.

Opening Discussion

1. What does this scripture teach us about joy, gratitude, guidance, or home?
2. Where do we sometimes forget to notice good things in our own home?
3. What ordinary place in our home holds a happy memory?
4. How can words, prayer, laughter, music, and listening make a home feel lighter?

How to Proceed

A simple pattern for prayer, scripture, clue cards, hidden word tokens, dice challenges, and a joyful family finish.

Step	Action	What to say or do
1	Gather calmly	Sit together at a table, sofa, or clear space. Keep the clue cards with the Treasure Keeper. Place the die, bowl, and activity sheets nearby.
2	Prepare the route	The Clue Hider chooses 4, 6, or 8 clue cards, hides one word token at each matching location, and places the optional final treasure at the last location.
3	Assign roles	Choose the Treasure Keeper, Opening Prayer, Scripture Reader, Clue Hider, Dice Roller, Word Collector, Joy Scribe, and Closing Prayer.
4	Opening prayer	The assigned person offers the opening prayer.
5	Read scripture	The Scripture Reader reads the family's chosen scripture. The Treasure Keeper explains that this activity is about finding joy already present in the home.
6	Read a clue card	The Treasure Keeper reads the first clue card aloud. The family works out where to go.
7	Find the word token	At the location, the family finds the hidden word token and answers the treasure question on the clue card.
8	Roll the die	The Dice Roller rolls the die to decide what the family does with the word.
9	Complete the challenge	The family completes the dice challenge together. Every person may speak, help, or pass.
10	Collect and continue	The Word Collector keeps the token. The Treasure Keeper reads the next clue card.
11	Build the sentence	At the end, use the collected words to create one family sentence about joy.
12	Enjoy the treasure	Open the final treasure or choose one joyful home moment together.
13	Closing prayer	The assigned person offers the closing prayer.

How the Game Pieces Fit Together

The activity works best when the clue cards, word tokens, and die are used together in the same round. This turns the activity from a discussion sheet into a simple playable home treasure hunt.

Game piece	How it is used
Treasure Clue Cards	The Treasure Keeper keeps these cards and reads one aloud at the start of each round. Each card sends the family to a place in the home and gives a treasure question.
Hidden Word Tokens	Before play, the Clue Hider hides one word token at each chosen clue location. When the family reaches that place, they search gently and find the word.
Dice Challenge	After the word token is found and the treasure question is answered, the Dice Roller rolls the die. The roll decides how the family uses that word.
Final Treasure	The last clue may lead to a small treat, note, bookmark, drink, dessert, family song choice, or simple envelope. If no object is used, the final family joy sentence becomes the treasure.

One Round of Play

1	Read one clue card aloud.
2	Go together to the place named by the clue.
3	Find the hidden word token at that place.
4	Answer the treasure question on the card.
5	Roll the die and complete the matching challenge.
6	Keep the word token and move to the next clue.

Dice Challenge Table

Roll	Challenge
1	Say it: Say one sentence using the word.
2	Show it: Act out the word silently and let the family guess.
3	Remember it: Tell a short memory connected to the word.
4	Draw it: Draw the word quickly on paper. Younger children may help.
5	Bless the home: Say how this word could make the home happier.
6	Share it: Choose someone else to help you answer.

If you do not have a die, flip a coin. Heads: say, remember, or explain the word. Tails: act, draw, or ask someone to help.

Treasure Clue Cards

Print and cut these clue cards. The Treasure Keeper reads them aloud one at a time. The Clue Hider hides word tokens at the matching locations before the game begins.

<p style="text-align: center;">The Table</p> <p>Go to a place where food is shared, stories are told, or someone sometimes says, "Please pass that."</p> <p>Treasure question: What is one meal, snack, or table moment you are grateful for?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Window</p> <p>Go to a place where light comes into the home.</p> <p>Treasure question: What is one thing that brought light or happiness into our home recently?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">The Door</p> <p>Go to a place where people come in and go out.</p> <p>Treasure question: Who came into our life or home this week in a good way, even briefly?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Shoes</p> <p>Go to a place where shoes, coats, bags, or outdoor things are kept.</p> <p>Treasure question: Where did someone go this week that mattered?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">The Books</p> <p>Go to a place where books, scriptures, schoolwork, or stories are kept.</p> <p>Treasure question: What is one good thing we have learned recently?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Sink</p> <p>Go to a place where hands are washed, cups are filled, or dishes become clean again.</p> <p>Treasure question: What is one small thing someone does in this home that helps others?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">The Sofa or Chair</p> <p>Go to a place where someone sits, rests, talks, or listens.</p> <p>Treasure question: When did someone listen to you, comfort you, or sit with you?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Hidden Treasure Place</p> <p>Go to the final place chosen by the Treasure Keeper.</p> <p>Treasure question: What is one hidden blessing in our home that we sometimes forget to notice?</p>

Hidden Word Tokens

Cut these out. For the treasure-hunt version, hide one token at each chosen clue location. For a quick version, place them in a bowl and draw one after each clue.

laughter	kindness	memory
prayer	music	gratitude
peace	courage	family
scripture	forgiveness	home
sharing	patience	light
blessing	listening	hope
smiles	comfort	learning
song	thankfulness	together
rest	welcome	joy

Choose One Joyful Home Moment

Before ending, choose one joyful thing to do together. The aim is to finish with warmth.

- sing a favourite hymn or song
- share a small treat
- tell one funny family memory
- read a short story
- build a blanket fort
- make hot chocolate
- look at family photos
- say one kind thing about each person
- have a five-minute dance or music moment
- draw something that made everyone smile
- write the final joy sentence and place it somewhere visible

Role-Play Example: A Family Treasure Hunt

Here is one way the activity might sound when the clue cards, hidden word tokens, dice, and final treasure are all used together.

Daniel: Tonight we are doing *The Hidden Treasure of Home*. We are going to read clues, search for hidden word tokens, roll the die, and see what joyful treasures we can notice in our home.

Rebecca: I have hidden one word token at each clue location. The clue cards stay with Daniel until he reads them.

Emma: I will be the Joy Scribe and write down the words we collect.

Noah: I will roll the die and find the tokens.

Gran Margaret: I will read the scripture. Psalm 118:24 reminds us that this day is a gift and that we can rejoice in it.

Narrator: Emma offers the opening prayer.

Daniel: First clue: go to a place where food is shared, stories are told, or someone says, "Please pass that."

Noah: The table! I found a token under the placemat. It says laughter.

Rebecca: The treasure question asks: what is one meal, snack, or table moment we are grateful for?

Gran Margaret: I remember when Noah put his jumper on backwards and insisted it was new fashion.

Noah: It was fashion.

Emma: I will write laughter. Noah rolled a three, so that memory counts for the dice challenge.

Daniel: Next clue: go to a place where light comes into the home.

Emma: The window. I found gratitude tucked behind the curtain.

Noah: I rolled a five.

Rebecca: Roll five means bless the home. How could gratitude make our home happier?

Emma: We would notice what people do instead of only noticing what is wrong.

Narrator: After several clues, the family has collected laughter, gratitude, music, patience, scripture, and together. The final clue leads to a small envelope beside the sofa.

Daniel: The envelope says our final treasure is hot chocolate, one family song, and our joy sentence.

Emma: Our home has joy when we share laughter, gratitude, music, and patience together.

Noah: It still needs cereal.

Gran Margaret: Some treasures are best kept for breakfast.

Narrator: Noah offers the closing prayer, and the family ends with hot chocolate and a song.

What this example shows

The clue card is read before the family moves. The word token is hidden at the clue location. The treasure question is answered at that location. The die roll then turns the word into a small family challenge. The final clue leads to a simple shared treasure.

Family Joy Sheet

Write down what your family discovered during the treasure hunt.

Date _____
Scripture chosen _____
Words we collected _____ _____ _____
Our Family Joy Sentence _____ _____ _____
One joyful thing we chose to do together _____ _____
Something I noticed during the activity _____ _____
A hidden treasure in our home is _____ _____

Adaptations for Different Families

Family situation	Simple adaptation
Younger children	Use only 4 clue cards. Let children roll the die, find clues, colour, act out words, or draw instead of speaking.
Teenagers	Let them create harder clues, hide the cards, choose the scripture, or add their own word tokens. Invite honest answers rather than overly sweet answers.
Grandparents	Invite them to share one memory at each clue location. Keep answers short so younger children do not lose interest.
Single-parent families or small households	Use fewer clues and let each person draw more than one word. The activity works with one adult and one child.
Couples	Use the treasure hunt as a gratitude walk through the home. At each place, share one memory, blessing, or hope connected to that part of life together.
Ward or branch groups	Create clue stations around a room or chapel hall rather than around a home. Small groups can rotate between stations, collect words, and create a group joy sentence.

Make Your Own Clues

Families may create their own clues using this pattern: Go to a place where... / Treasure question... / Word collected...

Examples: Go to a place where someone learns. What is something good we are learning as a family? Go to a place where someone feels safe. What helps this home feel safe?

Final Thought

A treasure does not always shine. Sometimes it sounds like laughter in the kitchen, a kind word at the right time, a song remembered, a prayer spoken quietly, or a family choosing to be together for one more ordinary, blessed evening.

Bonus Colouring Page

The family treasure hunt - an activity colouring page.



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Lehi's family discovers the Liahona - a scripture-inspired colouring page.

