

Birthday Treasure Hunt Instructions

This birthday treasure hunt is designed for kids ages 3-7. You will need to read each clue to them as they do the treasure hunt. If you prefer to write your own clue, I have provided a blank template at the bottom of this PDF for your convenience.

• Introductory clue

- Start with this clue when you begin the treasure hunt. Read it out loud to the kids
- This clue will lead the kids to the sandbox.

• Clue #1

- Hide this clue somewhere in the **sandbox** where it is visible. If you don't have a sandbox, you can hide it in the garden or flowerbeds.
- Open the clue and read it to the kids. In order to find out where the next clue is, they will need to dig through the sand to find two objects such as two rocks or balls. One object should have "Front" written on it and the other object should have "Door" written on it. Then they can head to the front door.

• Clue #2

- Hide this clue somewhere on or near the **front door**.
- Open the clue and read it to the kids. It should lead them to the bedroom.

• Clue #3

- Hide this clue somewhere visible in a **bedroom** in the home. That's okay if you have multiple bedrooms. It will make it more fun to find.
- Open the clue and read it to the kids. It will instruct them to pop all the balloons (with a dart) that are taped to the back of the bedroom door. Inside one of the balloons, you will need to put a piece of paper that says "car". They can then head to the car.

• Clue #4

- Hide this clue somewhere in or around the **car**.
- Open the clue and read it to the kids. It will instruct them to find the next clue in a tree.

• Clue #5

- Hide this clue somewhere in or around a **tree** in the yard or near the home. Make it visible and easy to find (especially if you have a lot of trees).
- Open the clue and read it to the kids. It will instruct them to find the next clue after they play a game. I made a simple obstacle

course that each child had to go through. Or you can do any game you want. Somewhere hide a small piece of paper on one of the objects used to play the game that says "bathroom".

• Clue #6

- Hide this clue somewhere in the **bathroom**.
- Open the clue and read it to the kids. It will instruct them to find the next clue by the fridge. On top of the fridge there will be cans of silly string for each child. Tell the kids that they will have to spray the silly string until it's all gone before they will get their next clue. Once they had fun with the silly string, tell them to find a piece of paper inside one of the lids of the silly string that says "basketball hoop".

• Clue #7

- Hide this clue somewhere on the **basketball hoop**. If you don't have a basketball hoop, just make something simple that resembles a basketball hoop.
- Open the clue and read it to the kids. They will need to each take turns shooting a ball into the hoop until all of them have made it. Tell them to find a piece of paper hidden under the basketball hoops that says "Stairs".

• Clue #8

- Hide this clue somewhere on the **stairs**.
- Open the clue and read it to the kids. It will instruct them to find their treasure in the laundry room. Hide the individual bags of prizes in the dryer.

Shopping List

- Balloons
- Silly string
- Candy
- Party Favors
- Gift bags
- Toy basketball hoop (if needed)
- Ball
- Dart
- Paper
- Envelopes
- Tape



BIRTHDAY TREASURE HUNT

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Prepare yourself for lots of fun
Cuz' this treasure hunt is number one.

Each clue requires a special task,
So if you need help, don't forget to ask.

Go to a place that has lots of sand,
If you need some help, I'll give you a hand.

Clue #1

Wow! You did it. That is really great.
I'll read you this clue so you don't have to wait.

To find your next clue you must look all around,
Dig into the sand until it is found.

Clue #2

Good job! I'm impressed. Not bad at all.
Hurry to the next one and please don't fall.

It's hidden in a place where the kids go to bed,
You can take a nap if you want and rest your head.

Clue #3

Holy cow, this is so much fun!
But we are not even close to being done.

To find your next clue take close aim,
Pop all the balloons to win this game.

Clue #4

What's that I hear?
The next clue should be fairly clear.

Go to an object that grows very tall.
You can climb it, but be careful not to fall.

Clue #5

Well, fiddledy dee, you're pretty darn neat,
This next clue though will have you beat.

For your next clue you get to play a game,
Don't worry, you'll like it. It's not lame.

Clue #6

Popcorn anyone? I'm feeling like a snack.
Figure out this clue and you'll be right on track.

Run to the place where there's lots of food.
We might have some snacks if you're in the mood.

Clue #7

You're almost there, just a hop, skip and a jump,
Don't eat too much cake or you'll leave here very plump.

Practice your skills by shooting the ball,
You can do it. You don't have to be tall.

Clue #8

Wahoo! You're almost there, I can almost taste your prize.
Be very careful and open your eyes.

It's waiting for you where there's dirty clothes and soap.
It's not far away, maybe you'll find it (I hope).

Clue #1

Clue #2

Clue #3

Clue #4

Clue #5

Clue #6

Clue #7

Clue #8