

Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

What you need:

Pencil or pen for each group

Prepare:

Make Copies of the Scavenger Hunt – one for each Group

Secure enough adult leaders to commit to youth night so that you can have 1 adult for each group of 4-6 youth.

Be sure to discuss all expectations and boundaries with your adults before youth night.

Check the weather reports before youth night to make sure it is not raining.

Our group likes to pick up litter when we do this activity. If you would like to ask your group to do this, please have trash bags and protective gloves for each group and hand them out with the papers and pen/pencils

Agenda

Prayer:

Lord, Thank You for bringing this group of amazing people together to enjoy each other's company as we grow closer to You. Please watch over us and keep us safe this evening. And help us to be open to all You would like us to see and to seek You in all things. Amen

Announcements:

Let your youth group know of any upcoming events, youth nights, or other activities they should be aware of

Finding the Lord in Everything:

Read this story:

I Saw Jesus Today

by Vinita Hampton Wright

I saw Jesus on the train today. He had worked a long shift, his coveralls a patchwork of sweat and grime; yet he joked with a coworker in the adjacent seat. I saw Jesus awhile later, as the crowd filed onto the stairs to the street below—he was a young girl with two small children in tow, her nerves clearly frayed. And then, in the grocery store, there was Jesus again, a check-out clerk who smiled and wished me a good evening. The next time I saw him, he was stuck in traffic, his business suit rumpled and his eyes weary. And when I walked by my neighbor's house, Jesus sat on the front step, passing the time with a friend.

When Jesus came to share our human existence, he changed what it means to be ordinary people going through the day. Each one of us has a purpose and a place in the world. Each of us experiences pain, fatigue, humor, and hope. If we look more intently at the people we encounter on a typical day, we will see who they truly are—persons loved by God. Regardless of appearance or situation, the woman, man, or child before you is brimming with holy possibility. Consider that you are gazing into the eyes of God. Understand that Jesus comes to you in many faces and places.

Say: Soon, you will split into groups and receive a list of things to search for around the community. When looking for these things, be on the lookout for Jesus in the community, too. Where do you see Him? As a group, fill in the times you see Jesus at the bottom on the paper. Use the back of the page if needed.

Scavenger Hunt:

Break into groups of 4-6 teens and at least 1 adult. Each group should elect 1 person to take pictures on their phone and 1 person to keep track of the list. Explain any rules and set the boundaries the groups are aloud to search in. Make sure all groups know what time to return back. Hand out the Scavenger Hunt clues to each group.

Discuss:

After returning back, determine which group had the most points. Discuss the following as a group

1. How many times did your group find Jesus tonight?
2. In what ways did you see Jesus? (Give each group a chance to share their Jesus Sightings)
3. What are some ways we saw Jesus tonight in our own groups?
4. How can we be more aware of Jesus in our everyday lives?

Prayer: (Ask the teens for a volunteer to lead in prayer)

Scavenger Hunt

Using your phone, take pictures of your group doing the following for 5 points each

- Posing like mannequin in front of a store
- Praying in front of Mary
- Standing at the foot of the cross
- Helping someone, not in your group, across the street
- Shaking hands with a police officer, fire fighter, or other public servant
- Smelling flowers
- Pledging allegiance to the American Flag
- Sitting on a bench
- Standing in front of a yellow car
- Everyone under a Tree posing as a Tree
- Playing on a playground
- Pointing to a "7"
- Complimenting a stranger
- Jumping in the air in front of a fountain
- Posing with an owner of a business at their business

Ways we saw Jesus tonight: