

# The Pirate's Treasure

7-9 years



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# The idea

**Premise:** The kids are searching for their missing treasure...the terrible Black Pirate has stolen it from under their noses!

**For the kids:** Several tricky riddles and exciting team games await the kids. Each time they solve a riddle, they find a horse and bring it back to Farmer Colin's farm.

**Location:** This scavenger hunt can be set up and played inside or outside.

**For you:** You, the supervising adult, lead the activities and keep an eye on all the kids playing.



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# How it works



Gather the kids and read the story out loud for them. Then describe where the first riddle is hidden. Off they go!

The children find the first riddle and solve it together. Afterwards, you describe the next hiding place – except...

The scavenger hunt consists of a total of 7 riddles and 3 team games.

... riddle 2, 4, and 6. After these riddles, the kids must complete a team game to “unlock” the next hiding place.

After the kids solve the last riddle, read out “The treasure” and describe the hiding place of the treasure.

The treasure is found! The kids share the treasure among themselves and receive a certificate for their effort.



# Preparation

1. Print the scavenger hunt in color. Print one **Certificate** for each kid.
2. Choose a hiding place for each riddle. Note down all the hiding places on the **Organization Sheet**. Keep this sheet away from curious eyes!
3. (Optional) Choose your team games and note them on the Organization Sheet.
4. Cut out the **Treasure Map** (page 9). If you want to make the riddle more challenging, cut the map into pieces like a jigsaw puzzle. Hide these pieces in different spots at the same hiding place i.e. same sofa, under different cushions.
5. Fold each riddle sheet in half and clearly write the riddle number on the back. Now hide the riddles in the hiding places you assigned on your Organization Sheet.
6. Prepare the **Treasure Chest** and the treasure. Hide it and note down the hiding place.
7. Choose a starting point.
8. That's it, you're ready to go!



# FAQ and tips



## **How long does a scavenger hunt last?**

Usually, 30 to 60 minutes.

## **How many kids can play a scavenger hunt?**

Up to 7 kids can play in one scavenger hunt. For more than 7 kids, it's best to play in two groups with one adult supervising each group. If you do two groups, print all the riddles twice, choose different hiding places for the riddles, and prepare a second treasure!

## **What do I put in the treasure chest?**

We've crafted the experience so the kids will be excited to reach the treasure no matter what it is. Classically, the treasure consists of sweets or little presents. If you want something healthier, you could put fresh, pre-cut fruit in the treasure chest.

## **How do I make a treasure chest?**

Be creative! Within minutes you could transform a simple shoe box into an amazing treasure chest with craft paper, paint, and stickers. If you simply don't have time, try hiding the treasure in an empty drawer, linen closet, or chest.

## **Where can the scavenger hunt be played?**

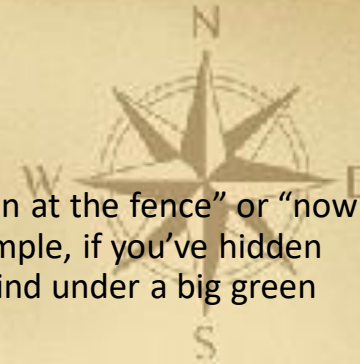
The game can be played inside or outside. Don't let bad weather stop the fun!

**Tip:** *Try to include slower kids. Make sure everyone takes part and enjoys the experience.*

**When the treasure chest is found, make sure the kids share the treasure equally.**

**Start the scavenger hunt the moment all the kids arrive. That way they'll be excited and stay focused.**

# The hiding places



You can either directly tell the kids the hiding places (e.g. “the next riddle is hidden at the fence” or “now go 30 steps to the east”), or you can make the next hiding place a puzzle. For example, if you’ve hidden the next riddle under a big green couch, you could say: “The next riddle you will find under a big green thing.” You could describe the hiding place until they figure it out.

Here are some suggestions:

Hiding place	Description	Hiding place	Description
Under the keyboard	On me, you will find every letter of the alphabet once.	Tree	I live in the forest and grow high towards the sun.
Window	I am transparent.	Fridge	Inside of me it’s always winter.

Many more hiding places in the full version!

# Team games

During the scavenger hunt, exciting team games will be played by the kids. They are big fun and support the cooperation among the children. The team games are always played after a riddle is solved and before the next hiding place is revealed. If you have limited time, you can easily leave out the team games. Our suggestions— Please select 3 games.



## **The sinking ship**

Take a carpet or a big tarp. This is the pirate's ship, around there is water. All kids must be on the tarp and are not allowed to fall down in the water for 5 seconds. If this is achieved, fold the tarp in the middle and make it smaller. Now, the kids have to be on the tarp for another 5 seconds. Keep on folding the tarp again and again and encourage the kids to support each other.

## **The pirate ship**

The kids sit in a row behind each other on the floor and hold on to each other. Then, the kids have to move together like a team by sliding over the ground (without standing up). The kids have to reach a finish line, without losing contact with each other. You can play the game again and stop the time to make the game harder.

*Three more team games can be found  
in the original file.*

# Organization sheet

Note all the chosen hiding places and their descriptions on this sheet. Carry this sheet with you at all times so you can keep track of what's going on in the game.



	Hiding place	Description	Solution of the riddle
<i>Example</i>	<i>Message in a bottle in bath tub</i>	<i>When full of water, I'm like a small ocean</i>	<i>Arrrrr!</i>
1 – Map			Find the map (jigsaw)
2 – The old sailor			Not part of the preview
Now play this team game:			
3 – The storm			Not part of the preview
4 – The polar star			The very top star
Now play this team game:			
5 – The sea monster			Not part of the preview
6 – The parrot			Treasure is in the old tower
Now play this team game:			
7 – Treasure chamber			Not part of the preview
Treasure			The end

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# The story

Land ho! On your long journey across the seven seas you take a rest at Coco Island. You desperately need to refill your water barrels and buy crates of fresh fruit.

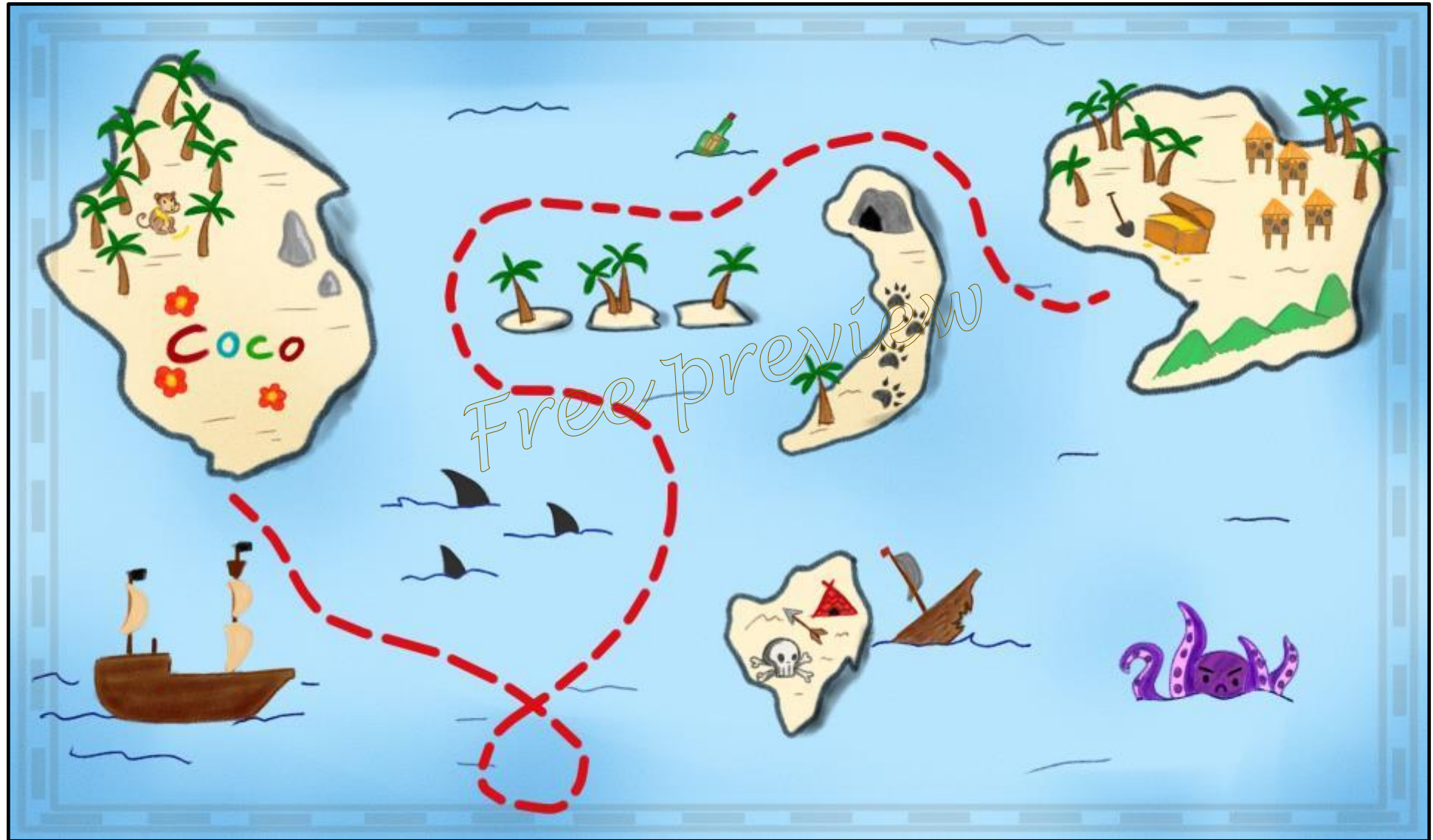
However, King Coco Lino, ruler of the island, invites you to his cliffside castle...he has a special favor to ask. You see, a few days ago the terrible Black Pirate anchored offshore and stole the island's famous treasure! King Coco Lino begs you to hunt down the Black Pirate and bring back the chest of stolen gold! As reward, he promises you some of the treasure.

Of course you want to help the King! But before you set sail, you have to find the map to the Black Pirate's secret island.

You can find this map at.....  
..... (name of 1<sup>st</sup> hiding place)

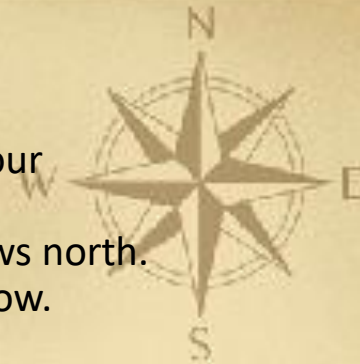


**Riddle #1: Treasure Map.** Please cut out the picture below, then cut it into pieces like a jigsaw puzzle. Hide the cut up pieces at the first hiding spot (e.g. on different shelves of the bookshelf, or scattered along the hedge).



# The polar star

Night has fallen and it's so dark under these unfamiliar skies. Suddenly your compass starts spinning round and round! The only way forwards is to navigate using the stars. You know these facts: The polar star always shows north. It's in a row of three stars and it's the topmost of the three stars in that row. Which star is the polar star?



Riddle #4

# The parrot

Finally you arrive at the Black Pirate's rocky island. Seeing the determined look in your eyes, the Black Pirate flees in her fast ship! Now there's nobody left on the island to show you the way to the treasure. You search and search but you just can't find it! Up in a tree, you discover Black Pirate's parrot! It squawks something at you, but it has a funny way of speaking.



To find out what it's trying to tell you, remove the P's and B's from this sentence:



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PIBN TBBHPBPBEB POLBDP  
TPPPOPWBPEPPRB!**

Riddle #6



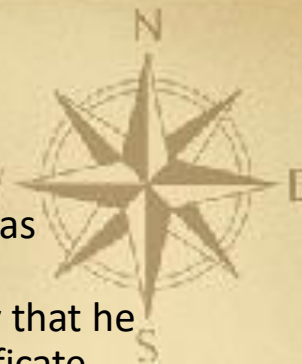
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# The treasure chest

Your quest is a success! You've found the stolen treasure chest and it's still full of gold, jewels, and precious stones! You fire the cannons in celebration as you sail back to Coco Island.

King Coco Lino is overjoyed at your safe and victorious return. He's so happy that he rewards you with half the treasure, and he hands each of you a special certificate.

You'll find your half of the treasure safely stored at .....



The end

# Certificate

This certificate goes to .....  
Thank you for finding the pirate's treasure.



King Lino



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A scavenger hunt made by **Cocolino** ([www.cocolino.online](http://www.cocolino.online)).

*Let's have fun!*



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