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## About the Scripture Scavenger Hunt

Summer days can grow long. We always look for new ways not only to keep our children productively occupied, but also to keep them focused on and growing in God's Word.

One lazy morning, THE SCRIPTURE SCAVENGER HUNT was born. I tore a sheet of paper in five small pieces (one for each of the children old enough to participate) and wrote a few "things to find" on each. The older children's lists had a mix of concrete "things" and abstract "ideas." The younger children, of course, were looking for simple objects—and I even included a hasty hand sketch of each item in the list.

The children were instructed to find either the items on their lists *or* representations of them. For example, the three year-old was asked to look for "hair." I told her she could brush some hair off of the dog, bring me a hair brush, or find a picture book showing something to do with hair. We reviewed each child's list, talked about ideas, and then they went scavenging. Each one brought me their list and their items as soon as they were collected.

Once they all returned, we went on a "Scripture Scavenger Hunt." I asked each child if they could think of Bible verses or stories related to each of the items or ideas on the lists. Many of their comments pleasantly surprised me, and they were quick to try to "out-think" each other. My older children and I then got out our Bibles and concordances and looked for other references that hadn't been discussed.

Our Scripture Scavenger hunt only took about an hour, but it was a wonderful time and a fun way to bring God's Word into the children's everyday experience. The children were also challenged in their knowledge of Scripture and in their use of study tools.

This version of the "Scripture Scavenger Hunt" has been put together just for you and YOUR family. It includes a master "cheat sheet" of objects (or ideas) and related Scriptures, two checklists for older children and two for younger children. After you have gone through it, I hope you will make up some lists of your own—even if they are scribbles and line drawings on pieces of paper, like ours was.

Do the Scripture Scavenger Hunt at home, or take it on the road while you travel. Billboards, roadside shops, and even glimpses into passing cars can reveal items to check off the list!

Blessings,

***Cindy Carrier***

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## Master List for the Scripture Scavenger Hunt

Suggestions for things to find follow in parentheses and Scriptures are noted; however, the list is **not** exhaustive.

### **Apple** (apple, picture of apple, plastic/play food apple)

Deuteronomy 32:10, Psalm 17:8, Proverbs 7:2, Proverbs 25:11; some children's Bible stories also represent the "fruit" referenced in Genesis 3 as an apple—children may suggest this)

### **Bread** (piece of bread, bag of bread flour, loaf pan)

Genesis 14:17-20, Genesis 40, Exodus 12, Ruth 2:13-16, 1 Samuel 21: 1-5, 1 Kings 17, Psalm 37:25, Psalm 104:14-15, Proverbs 31:27, Ecclesiastes 11:1, Isaiah 30:19-21, Isaiah 44:13-19, Isaiah 55:1-11, Matthew 4:3-4, Matthew 6:9-14, Matthew 14:13-18, Matthew 16:5-12, Mark 14:17-21, Luke 11:5-10, John 6, John 21:7-14)

### **Evil** (photo of army battle, representations of Satan—like serpent in the story of Adam and Eve—could be play snake or picture book, etc.)

Genesis 2-3; Genesis 6; Deuteronomy 4:24-26; History of Israel—serving God, then doing evil: Judges 2:11, 3:7, 3:12, 4:1, 6:1, 10:6, and 13:1; 1 Samuel 12:19-20; Examples of evil kings, throughout 1 and 2 Kings and 1 and 2 Chronicles—whether or not a King served God is one of the first things noted about him; Job 1; Psalm 34; Psalm 37:8-9; Psalm 51:4; several Proverbs in chapter 17; Proverbs 29:6; Isaiah 5:20; Matthew 12:34-35; Romans 2:8-9; Romans 12:16-21; 1 Corinthians 14:21; Ephesians 5:15-17; 1 Thessalonians 5:22; 1 Timothy 6:10; James 3:6, Song of Solomon 4, Isaiah 1:29-30, Isaiah 58:11

### **Fox** (plastic/play fox, photo, "Fox and the Hound" movie case ☺)

Judges 15:1-5, Nehemiah 4:3, Song of Solomon 2:15, Matthew 8:18-20, Luke 13:32)

### **Garden** (planting box, garden tool, seed packet)

Garden of Eden (Genesis 2-3), Esther 1:5-6, Job 8:13-18, Luke 13:18-19, John 19:40-42, also the Garden of Gethsemane

### **Good** (picture book or photo showing acts of love or service)

Genesis 1 ("God saw that it was good"), Genesis 2-3 (tree of the knowledge of good and evil), Genesis 41 (good years vs. years of famine), Deuteronomy 6:18, Job 34:4, Psalm 23:6, Psalm 34:8, Proverbs 3:27, Proverbs 31:11-12, Ecclesiastes 12:14, Isaiah 5:20, Matthew 19:17, Matthew 25:21, Mark 4:1-20, Luke 2:10, Luke 3:18, Luke 6:33, Luke 6:44-45, Luke 11:34, John 10:10-12, Romans 7, Romans 10:15, 1 Corinthians 15:33, Galatians 6:9-10, Philipians 1:6, Titus 2, James 4:17, 1 Peter 3

### **Hair** (animal hair, hair brush, or portrait/head shot that includes hair)

Esau (the "hairy" twin, Genesis 25-27), Samson (Judges 16), Absalom (Luke 13:18-19), Proverbs 16:31, Matthew 5:36, Matthew 10:29-31, Luke 7:44, John 12:3, 1 Corinthians 11

**Heart** (cut-out paper heart, heart locket, heart on clothing like girls' shirt or on a hair accessory, etc.)

Genesis 6:5-6, Examples of God hardening Pharaoh's heart (Exodus 7-14), Deuteronomy 6:5-7, David as a man after God's own heart (1 Samuel 13:14, Acts 13:22), Psalm 37:4, Psalm 139:23, Proverbs 3:5, Proverbs 4:23, Proverbs 10:23, Proverbs 15:13, Proverbs 16:5, Proverbs 16:9, Proverbs 23:15, Matthew 22:37, Mark 7:18-23, Luke 6:45, Romans 10:9

**Light** (flashlight, nightlight, light bulb)

Genesis 1, Job 3:4-5, Psalm 27:1, Psalm 36:9, Psalm 119:105, 130, Psalm 139:11-12, Isaiah 5:20, Isaiah 9:2, Micah 7:8-9, Matthew 5:13-16, Matthew 6:22-23, John 1:4-9, Romans 13:12, Ephesians 5:8-14, 1 Peter 2:9, 1 John 2:9-10

**Path** (rock from a path, picture or painting of a wooded path, etc.)

Numbers 22:21-35, Psalm 16:11, Psalm 25:4-5, Psalm 119:105, Proverbs 1:8-16, Proverbs 3:5-6, Jeremiah 6:16, Matthew 13:1-23

**Pillow** (doll or regular pillow, decorative/couch pillow)

Genesis 28:10-12, Matthew 8:20, Mark 4:37-39

**Plate** (plate, pretend play dish--or if traveling, restaurant billboards often show plates of food)

Exodus 29:30, Numbers 7, Matthew 23:25-26, Luke 11:39-42

**Shield** (play shield, photo of armor and shield)

Genesis 15:1; Deuteronomy 33:29; 2 Samuel 22:3, 31, and 36; Psalm 18:30; Psalm 28:7; Psalm 91:4; Psalm 115:9-11, Ephesians 6

**Wash** (washcloth, bar of soap, bath scrubby)

Genesis 19:2, Genesis 24:31-33, Genesis 34:24 and 31, Exodus 19:10-14, Psalm 51:1-8, Isaiah 1:15-17, Mark 7:1-23, John 9:6-11, John 13:1-17, Titus 3:5, James 4:8, Revelation 7:15

**Water** (ice, cup of water)

References throughout Genesis 1, flood waters in Genesis 7-8, Genesis 24 (Rebekah at the well), Genesis 30:37-39, Exodus 2:10, Exodus 7 (water turned to blood), Exodus 14 (parting the Red Sea), Exodus 15:22-27, Exodus 17:6, Joshua 3, Judges 7:4-6, Psalm 23:2, Proverbs 18:4, Proverbs 27:19, Isaiah 55:1-11, Matthew 14:22-36, Mark 1:1-11, John 2:1-11, John 4:1-26, Ephesians 5:25-27, James 3:10-12, Revelation 22:17

**Wolf** (plastic play wolf, textbook photo, picture book like "Little Red Riding Hood")

Isaiah 11:6, Isaiah 65:25, Jeremiah 5:6, John 10:12

## Scavenger Hunt List #1

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Apple

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Hair

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Pillow

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Wolf



## Scavenger Hunt List #2

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**Bread**

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**Light**

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**Plate**

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**Fox**



### Scavenger Hunt List #3

☐ **Evil**

☐ **Garden**

☐ **Path**

☐ **Wash**

## Scavenger Hunt List #2

☐ Good

☐ Heart

☐ Water

☐ Shield