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Beach Bags



What's in Your Neighborhood?

STORY

What is That? (Nonfiction)

Reading Level: Beginning Reader

<http://bit.ly/1fUU113>

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Up We Go! (Fiction)

Reading Level: Beginning Reader

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BEFORE READING

Ask your child how home would look from the sky. How is that different from the way it looks from the ground?

READ

What Is That? and **Up We Go!**

- **Discuss** the last question in the book, “What do you look like from above?”
- **Describe** how you think you would look to someone looking out a plane window.
- Then **ask the question**, “What would you see if you were standing out on the street corner instead of looking down?”

ACTIVITY

Neighborhood Treasure Hunt

Take a walk with your child around the neighborhood. Give your child a list of items (like the one in the Neighborhood Treasure Hunt sheet below) to collect on a treasure hunt, and discuss the list before you set out on the adventure. Use a paper or plastic bag to collect as many of the treasures as possible to use for later.

As you walk, ask your child questions and discuss what you observe together.

- **Look at the trees and flowers that you see. What kind are they?**
- **Look at the types of rocks. What animals do you see as you walk?**



MORE FUN ACTIVITIES

Treasure Collage

Use your treasures to make a collage of your neighborhood. Glue the items on a piece of cardboard. Add the names of each item. You could also include a description of the item and where you found it.

As your child creates the collage, talk about how he or she discovered the object, what it would look like from above, how it is important in nature.



MORE GREAT BOOKS TO SHARE

Visit your local public library to find more e books about nature.

On Meadowview Street by Henry Cole

Tell Me, Tree: All About Trees for Kids by Gail Gibbons

The Birdwatchers by Simon James

Nature Adventures by Mick Manning

It's My City! A Singing Map by April Pulley Sayre

The Lorax by Dr. Seuss

The Listening Walk by Paul Showers

A Tree Is Nice by Janice May Udry

Our Tree Named Steve by Alan Zweibel

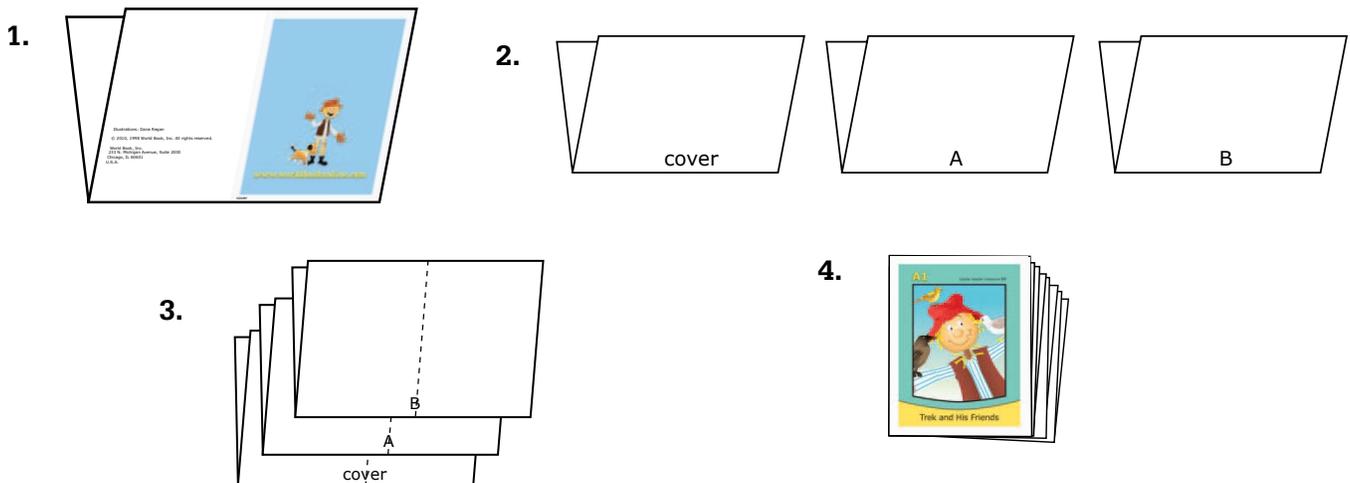
EXPLORE MORE

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- A. To learn more about plants and animals in your neighborhood**, go to www.infohio.org > PreK-5 > Early World of Learning. Choose the **Know It** section to learn more about things that might be found in your neighborhood. Take a look at the **Plants** and **Animals** section.
- B. Learn the world of nature you found on your walk** by exploring www.infohio.org > PreK-5 > Explora for Grades PreK-5. Type a word in the **search box** (like “leaves”) or just **select a topic** (like “animals”) and browse.
- C. To find more free printable books for your child**, go to www.infohio.org > PreK-5 > Early World of Learning.

How to fold the Little Book

1. Fold the pages in half the short way so that the printing is on the outside.
2. Turn them over so that you can see the small “cover,” “A,” “B,” etc., at the bottom center of the page.
3. Stack the pages with the cover on the bottom, then “A,” then “B,” etc.
4. Fold the stack in half to make the Little Book. The cover should end up on the outside.



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Neighborhood Treasure Hunt

Directions: How many of these items can you find in your neighborhood? Collect as many as you can and put them in your bag to use later.

- A brown leaf
- A stick that looks like the letter “Y”
- A bird (Draw a picture of a bird that you saw. Include color, shape and size.)
- A flower
- A blade of grass
- Two rocks that look alike
- A seed or acorn
- A green leaf
- A fence (You can draw a picture of the fence.)
- A stop sign (Draw a picture of the sign that you saw.)
- An oval rock
- A bug
- Some kind of paper, like a flyer, an advertisement, or other
- An animal (Look for a dog, cat, squirrel, or other animal. Draw or write a description of the animal.)
- A piece of bark
- Something round
- Roots from a plant or tree
- A feather
- A yellow flower
- Something you think is a treasure