



LOST AND FOUND - EPISODE #8

When Anne and Diana head off into the woods in search of buried treasure, they get hopelessly lost-and find much more than they bargained for.

Learning Objective

Mapping is one of many skills involved with being prepared. This episode will help children explore:

Critical Thinking/Problem Solving Skill Development Cognitive Skill Development

Talking About the Episode

Anne and Diana head off on a great adventure without telling anyone where they were going, without provisions and without a reliable map. Use the episode as a springboard to discuss being lost as well as a means to introduce mapping.

- What should you do if you're ever got lost?
- What is a map?
- How can a map help you?

City Maps

Simple city maps are a great tool for map-play and are often offered free of charge through a city's Chamber of Commerce. Create a simple list of destinations to have children locate on a map. Give them a bright-coloured marker and have them mark the locations. For instance, circle the corner of Broadway and Spring streets, circle the City Park, put a x on Warren lake, etc.

Map Making

Making a map is a great lesson in perspective. Have the children pick a favourite place in their neighbourhood. For example: the park, post office, grocery store or library. Talk about how they KNOW how to get from one



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place in their neighbourhood (their home) to another. Ask them how they would explain to someone else how to get to that destination.

Then share all kinds of maps; perhaps, a state highway map or the map from inside a telephone book. Talk about what the maps use to represent things- lines for roads blue for water, the legend, and universal directions: north, south, east, and west. Help children draw a bird's-eye-view of their neighbourhood. Help them label the buildings and streets-depending on their abilities. Send their maps home with a note to parents to help fill in street names, buildings and neighbour's houses.

Treasure Chest

Anne and Diana were searching for a buried treasure, and what child doesn't dream of finding a treasure chest? Make a treasure chest of your very own from an old shoebox. Collect glitter, fancy bric-brac, buttons, etc. to decorate the outside of the chest. Sparkly paint-silver or gold-is a wonderful addition. What to fill it with? Provide plenty of construction paper and pieces of tin foil for children to draw and cut coins and jewels.