



Activity #1:

The Leprechaun's Treasure Hunt

Critical Thinking, Problem-Solving

(Preparation: 5-10 minutes / Activity Time: 20 minutes)

What Will You Need?

(1) A few pieces of paper for scavenger hunt instructions and clues

(2) A "Pot of Gold" (this can be a small amount of money, some candy, or a treat/gift of some kind, or really anything that you'd like your student to search for and find!)

Instructions:

Start with the Leprechaun's letter (which can be printed and cut out below along the dotted lines), and help your student read it out loud and discover that the Leprechaun needs our help to find its treasure! Then, from the last line of the letter, which is also the first clue, follow the clues to the location that it refers to. For example - "Let's start where I started - where you keep your spoons!" may refer to a silverware drawer or wherever spoons might be stored in your house. Each clue leads to the next location or item in your home - none of the clues should lead outside of the house. We've provided some clues that you can print and cut out, or if you'd like, you can make your own! Have fun!

To Start the Activity: "What's this? I found this strange note on our kitchen table!"

*Alas and alack! I'm all out of whack! I misplaced my treasure, and I'd quite like it back!
My leprechaun treasure is my favorite thing ever, and I need your help finding it please!
As you probably know, a leprechaun needs a home, and I was checking out your house to see -
If I liked it enough, I'd move in with my stuff, and my Leprechaun tricks I'd unleash.
Your house had me dazzled, and I must have been frazzled, 'cause I left my loot somewhere around here...
With your brains, we'll find it, and we'll find it real soon! Let's start where I started - where you keep your spoons.*



Some suggestions for follow-up clues to be found at each location:

1. *I love all these shiny utensils you have, what's next... Next I cooled off where you keep your food chilled!*

2. *Wow, this all looks delicious! But, no time for eating, I remember next I checked out the book that you're reading.*

3. *This plot is amazing! Great choice of a book - does your school bag have more? Let's go take a look!*

4. *Wow this is great, this search is a breeze! Next I sniffed out all your stinky laundry!*

5. *Okay, next, I know what I did, I watched Spiderman, then Frozen, and hung out with Peppa Pig!*

6. *Our search is nearly over, I know we can do it! When you brush your teeth, where do you spit?*

7. *I think we're almost there - let's find my Pot of Gold! Go find a picture of YOU before you got old!*

8. *Here it is, here it is! I'll tell you what:*

This treasure is your reward because I'm so grateful! It takes a special person like you to help others when you're able. Thanks!



Clue Answers:

1. Refrigerator
2. The inside cover of their book
3. School Bag
4. Laundry Hamper/Basket
5. Television
6. Bathroom/Sink
7. Any picture of your student when they were younger