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**Curiosity Kitchen Word Search**

Find 12 words associated with the Curiosity Kitchen in the word search below. Words can run horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

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G D O M U D T S V C F G O C A
D A L P I W H T A L O Y P D E
E Q S K L G I O C P A C B L T
A C O R N U Y E P F K E O U H
C Q R U C A T F I K U L W A P
U Z E L O P Y U N E D G D S O
R T S E S A T O E M P S Y T I
I D F T H K I T C H E N L I R
O H C B I E A T O N B E A S B
S A N D U C A Q N K B L W D U
I E F G J R K O E I L G A P D
T W N D M T Y S A R E P T W I
Y P A E T G A I K P R Q E K R
O V C S E L D A S I U P R Q T
L K A I H A R B O R V A B I O
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Tick the words off as you find them.

- STICKS
- WATER
- SAND
- PINECONE
- ACORN
- COCOA
- CURiosity
- DIRT
- HARBOR
- KITCHEN
- MUD
- PEBBLE

**Make Your Own Mud Pie**

Mud pie masterpieces, crushed flower cupcakes—what will you cook up in our Curiosity Kitchen? Spark your imagination and love for the outdoors with our specialty mud pie recipe. Get messy, creative, and curious!

**SUGGESTED INGREDIENTS:**
- Bowl or bucket
- Dirt
- Water
- Stones
- Grass
- Other natural materials in your neighborhood!

**DIRECTIONS:**
1. Pour some dirt into a bowl, then add water.
2. Next—experiment! Try out different amounts of each ingredient to see what happens! Is the pie too goopy? Maybe there is something you can add to firm it up? Or if it’s too hard, what could you add to make it more soupy?
3. With the mud consistency perfected, scoop out a handful of the mixture and mold it into a pie with your hands.
4. Lastly, add some grass, stones, or flower petals as decoration. Voila—your mud pie is complete!

**DRAW YOUR MUD PIE BELOW!**
Scavenger Hunt

Set out on an outdoor adventure with a nature scavenger hunt! Work together with a friend or family member to create your own list or take some inspiration from the following prompts:

FOR AGES 2-4:
• Find a leaf
• Find a tree and its bark
• Find a rock

FOR AGES 5+:
• Find something that moves
• Find something in your favorite color
• Find something that makes noise

Take a Closer Look

A magnifying glass makes objects appear larger!

Draw something you found outside under this magnifying glass!

's Journal

(your name here)

Plants, animals, and landscapes—nature is all around us! Scientists and researchers collect information about nature to help us understand it better. Now it’s your turn! Put on your researcher hat, and get ready to think, observe, describe, and draw!

THINK!
Walk outside and think about something you want to study in nature!

OBSERVE!
Take a moment to look at your object.

DESCRIBE!
What does it look like? What color is it?
How does it feel? Rough, smooth? Make note below:

DRAW!
Draw your object in the box below!
Create a Nature Rubbing

Explore texture, color, and shape! Learn how to make a rubbing on paper using natural materials like leaves and bark.

MATERIALS:
• Pencil
• Colored pencils or crayons
• Paper
• Nature materials—leaves, pinecones, sticks, tree bark

DIRECTIONS:
1. Gather together your drawing materials.
2. Next, select a nature object, maybe a leaf, or piece of tree bark!
3. Check for the bumpy or textured side of the object. Put down the object, bumpy side face up, and place under a piece of paper.
4. Next, grip your pencil or crayon on its side and gently scribble back and forth on the paper. See what types of shapes and patterns appear!
5. After creating your nature rubbing, try out some different materials, colors, or paper! Keep the exploration going!

Winnie-the-Pooh Honey Hunt Maze

This Summer, you can journey into the Hundred Acre Wood with a special Winnie-the-Pooh experience at Boston Children’s Museum! Or, bring the journey home with you in this special honey hunt maze. Help Winnie-the-Pooh find the missing honey for a picnic with his friends while avoiding the bees! Can you find the correct path to the honey?
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