

## MAKING A TREASURE MAP

### What you will need:

- Textas or pencils
- Paper
- Something small (your treasure) to hide in your garden.



### What to do:

1. Go outside together and hide the treasure, eg. a special rock or small toy, in your garden.
2. Back inside, provide a clear space for your child to draw at the table.
3. Talk together about where you hid the treasure in the garden.
4. How can you make a map to show where the treasure is hidden?
5. See if your child can explain, in their own words, how to get to the hiding spot.
6. Can they draw a map to show how to find the spot? What special features need to be included on the map?
7. When your child has finished drawing, go outside and use the map, following your child's instructions. Was any important feature missing? Add these to the map.
8. You could talk about how pirates use maps to find their treasure.
9. Share the map with other family members and see if they can find the treasure.

### What learning is happening:

Children are building oral language skills by giving instructions as well using their memory of a sequence to complete a task. They are drawing on their experiences in constructing meaning using symbols and drawing. This is an important skill for developing writing skills later on.

### VEYLDF Outcomes:

Outcome 5 – Communication: Children are effective communicators.