TREASURE HUNT · PARENT GUIDE

Max's Mission to Find the Space Treasure

Birthday child: **Max** | Age: **10 years** | Kids: **8** | Theme: **Space** | Where: **indoors & outdoors**

How it works

1. Print the PDF and cut out the clue cards along the dashed lines.
2. Hide the cards using the plan below — each one where the previous clue points.
3. Hide the treasure in the last spot: in the hall closet.
4. To start, read the intro aloud and hand the kids card no. 1 (Start).
5. Some cards have a secret word. The answers are in this guide.
6. Give hints whenever they need them — the point is to have fun.

Hiding plan

	WHERE TO HIDE	CARD
Start	At the start, hand the kids	1
1	under the couch cushion	2
2	in the shoe rack by the front door	3
3	inside the fridge door	4
4	under the doormat	5
5	in the mailbox	6
6	behind the flower pot on the porch	7
7	in the sandbox	8
8	under the garden bench	9
Treasure	**in the hall closet**	treasure

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Intro to read aloud

Attention, astronauts! This is Mission Control. A friendly alien named Zorp hid a box of glowing treasure and forgot where somewhere on Planet Home. Max and his crew are the only team brave enough to find it. Follow the cards, solve each riddle, and begin the countdown. Here is your first message!

Safety

- **inside the fridge door** — Only on top of the switched-off appliance or in its open door, with an adult nearby.
- **in the mailbox** — Mailbox: make sure it is inside the yard, away from the road, and that children don't leave the property.
- **in the sandbox** — Sandbox: check the sand is clean and dry, and that nothing sharp is buried in it.
- **in the hall closet** — Hall closet: keep it unlocked and check for anything unsafe inside, like cleaning products, before the hunt.
- Outdoors, keep the kids in sight at all times.

Secret words (answers)

2: **SHOE** 4: **MAT** 6: **POT** 8: **BENCH**

Certificates for the guests: print the certificate page 4× (two per sheet).



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Max is turning 10!

Calling all astronauts! Max is turning 10 and invites you to a space party. Join the crew on a treasure hunt to find a friendly alien's lost glowing treasure!

When: _____

Where: _____



Please RSVP by: _____

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Cut along the dashed line

1 Start

Mission Control to the crew!
Your launch pad is soft and made for sitting.
It's perfect for movie nights and naps.
Look under the cushion where your family relaxes.
Zorp left a message. Lift it up!

Find the spot and the next card!

2 Clue 2

Astronauts need boots for a moonwalk!
Look where pairs of them wait by the door,
ready for every mission outside.

Secret word — crack the code:

____ ____ ____ ____
19 8 15 5

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Find the spot and the next card!

3 Clue 3

Zorp says: Cool down, space crew!
Find the place where milk and cheese sleep in the chill.
Open it and check the shelf in its door.
Only look in the door part, nothing more.

Find the spot and the next card!

4 Clue 4

Even aliens wipe their feet before they enter.
It says "Welcome," but it never says a word.
Look underneath it, quick as a comet!

Secret word — crack the code:

____ ____ ____
13 1 20

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
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5 Clue 5

Incoming message from deep space!
This metal box outside gets letters and postcards.
The mail carrier visits it every day.
Peek inside and see what Zorp mailed to you.

Find the spot and the next card!

6 Clue 6

Planet Garden is calling, astronauts!
A green plant grows in it and hopes for sunshine.
Look behind it on the porch.

Secret word — crack the code:

____ ____ ____
16 15 20

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7 Clue 7

Moon dust alert!
This crater is full of sand,
perfect for castles.
Shovels and buckets love to dig here.
Sift through it carefully to find the next clue.

Find the spot and the next card!

8 Clue 8

Time to rest your space boots!
Two or three astronauts can sit on it together.
Look underneath it, like checking a spaceship's belly.

Secret word — crack the code:

2	5	14	3	8

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9 Final clue

Final countdown, crew!
The treasure waits where coats and jackets hang,
in the hall behind a closed door.
Open it and look. Mission accomplished: ten, nine, eight, blast off!

The treasure is close!

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CERTIFICATE

Chief Space Explorer

Max

SAMPLE

for brilliant riddle solving and bravely leading the crew to Zorp's lost space treasure. He is a true star!



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