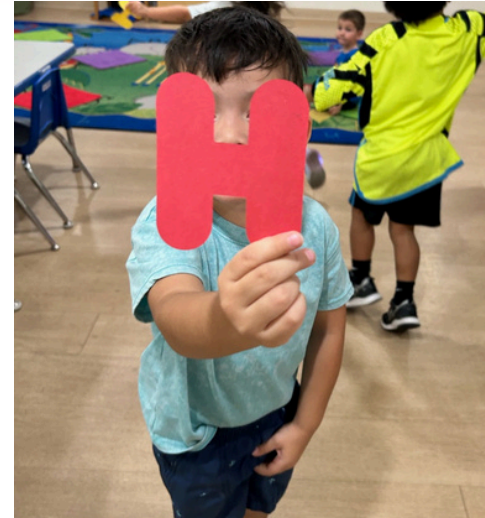


LEVELING UP ON LANGUAGE LITERACY

Letter H Scavenger Hunt

In the bustling preschool classroom, excitement fills the air as the children gear up for a fun and engaging activity: a scavenger hunt for the letter “H.” Armed with wide smiles, eager hands, and sharp eyes, the little ones are ready to embark on a journey of discovery, not just to find objects but to develop important skills that will shape their learning journey.



The teacher begins by gathering the children in a circle and reminding them of the day’s mission: “Today, we are going on a special hunt to find the letter ‘H’ hidden all around our classroom. Just like God calls us to seek Him and His truth, we are going to seek out the hidden letter ‘H.’” With that, the children set off, eyes scanning the room in search of their treasures.

This scavenger hunt builds several key early literacy skills. As children look for the letter “H,” they are practicing letter recognition and phonemic awareness—two foundational skills for reading. They begin to understand that letters have sounds, and these sounds combine to form words. Every time they call out “hat,” “horse,” or “heart,” they’re reinforcing their knowledge of how the letter “H” appears in the world around them.



Beyond cognitive development, the scavenger hunt encourages collaboration and teamwork—important social skills for young children. In many cases, children work together to find items, helping one another when someone is stuck. “I see one!” Ella shouts, while Rachelle adds, “I found one too!” These moments of shared discovery help children practice the Christian value of community and cooperation. Just as we are called to work together in the body of Christ, these little ones learn that by supporting one another, they can achieve more than they could alone.

In this search for “H,” the children also practice patience and perseverance—virtues that are emphasized in both Christian teaching and early childhood development. “Not every child finds a hidden letter right away, and that’s okay. These small moments teach children the importance of not giving up and help them develop emotional regulation when they face challenges.”

The scavenger hunt also provides an opportunity for the children to explore their environment with curiosity and wonder, key components of their overall development. As they move around the room, peeking into baskets and pointing to objects on shelves, they are expanding their understanding of the world. This mirrors the Christian value of seeking truth and wisdom—just as they search for the letter “H,” they are also learning to search for knowledge and God’s presence in their lives.



When the scavenger hunt concludes, the classroom is filled with an air of accomplishment and joy. The children gather back in their circle, proudly holding their “H.” The teacher congratulates the children in their accomplishment .

In this simple scavenger hunt for the letter “H,” the children have gained far more than the ability to identify a sound or letter. They’ve developed literacy skills, problem-solving abilities, social cooperation, and perseverance. At the same time, they’ve experienced important Christian values, such as community, patience, and seeking God’s presence in all things. Through this playful yet meaningful activity, the children take steps forward on their academic journey and their journey of faith, learning that even in the smallest tasks, God is with them, helping them grow and discover.