1 TREASURE CHEST

MISSION

Welcome to nature and your first Quest. Nature possesses many treasures. What is a treasure? A treasure is anything you decide is a treasure. From shells to seeds, stones, feathers, leaves, flower petals and bark – nature's treasures are all around us! In this Quest, you will take inventory of what is in your surroundings and the roles treasures play in nature. Imagine how the treasures you find can be used in your Nature Quest adventures. Perhaps a stick is a sword, berries are ingredients for a potion, leaves help to make a crown, or rocks blast open portals. As you play, remember there is no need to keep any treasures. The splendor is in finding them.

→ *Complete the Quest.*

→ *Venture on a hike or play in nature using your new treasure.*

? ***How can the treasures you find be used in your adventures?***

? ***What treasure would you like to add to your Power Cart?***

? ***What special actions or powers does the treasure give you?***

TRACK YOUR PROGRESS

POWER CART 1 2 3 4 5

FUEL LEVEL 1 2 3 4 5

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QUEST

Note: This Quest is adapted from "Duplication" by Joseph Cornell in Sharing Nature with Children (Nevada City, CA: Dawn Publications, 1979).

TAKE, SHARE & LOG INVENTORY

1. *Scout your area for natural treasures. Collect 1-2 treasures each. Small treasures found on the ground are okay to collect.*
2. *Place your collected treasures on a table or the ground, and cover them with a cloth.*
3. *Gather around your covered nature treasures. Lift the piece of cloth for 30 seconds for each player to memorize the collected treasures.*
4. *Explore for another 10-15 minutes to see how many objects you can find from those you identified under the cloth.*
5. *Meet around the collected treasures. Lift the cloth and pick up each treasure one at a time. For each treasure ask:*

- ***What is the name of the treasure?***
- ***Who found this treasure first? Did anyone else spot this treasure?***
- ***How might this treasure be useful in nature and in our Quests?***

6. *Return treasures to where they were originally found.*

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