

Activity Plan: Green Bingo

Thinking green? Whatever the season, wherever you are, you can play “Green Bingo” anytime. This easy game can be used at many different age and development levels, with two players—or a couple of dozen. You can play it just for fun, as a St. Patrick’s Day activity—or as part of lessons in vocabulary or social skills. And it’s a great excuse for a field trip—around the block or across town!

Objectives:

- Introduce colors and textures
- Supplement vocabulary and spelling lists
- Teach taking turns and game-playing strategy
- Sharpen observational skills

Background for instructor:

Appropriate for children in early preschool through middle elementary, Green Bingo can be used like a scavenger hunt scorecard or as a variation on traditional bingo. If you’re walking with a group of young children, you can ask, “Who sees a green leaf?” and then, “Who sees a lizard?”

However old your group is, Green Bingo will encourage creative thinking. You’ll explore how many different colors there really are to green and you can brainstorm where to find some of the more unusual items on the bingo card. (Green pasta? How about the ethnic foods aisle in your local grocery? Alligator? Look in an encyclopedia or a book about the Everglades.)

This plan includes two Green Bingo cards. You and very young children can use a single card as a guide for a stroll or you can divide your class into two teams, with one card for each team. If players can all read, print out a card for each participant.

Variation: Older children can create their own Green (or Yellow or Pink) Bingo cards by hand or as a computer exercise. Cards can be themed by topic (edibles, animals, community landmarks), by color or by letter of the alphabet (ribbon, robin, rickshaw, robot).

Green Bingo Instructions
Print out these cards and cut apart. Make enough prints so that each team—or each player—has a card. Decide in advance what is a “bingo.” This can be a straight line down, a straight line across, a diagonal across the board or a blackout. Circle each item as you see it.

Parenting Press Green Bingo #2

Fir Tree	Grasshopper	Cucumber	Alligator	Green Button	Peas
Cactus	Green Book	Green Skirt	Bay Leaf	Dollar Bill	Green Picture
Green Door	Green Boat	Crocus Leaf	Green Ice Cream	Green Feather	Mint
Green Block	Leprechaun	Green Ribbon	Green Ivy Leaf	Green Pen	Green Sock
Green Pepper	Green Shirt	Avocado	Green Bottle	Green Light	Frog
Green Car	Green Bicycle	Cloverleaf	Green Noodles	Lizard	Green Yarn

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Materials

Green Bingo cards
Crayons, markers or stickers to cover names of items that have been found

Note: To reuse Green Bingo cards, laminate them so that markings can be wiped off. To use on walks, attach each Green Bingo card and a marker to a clipboard.

Parenting Press Green Bingo #1

Green Pepper	Green Car	Green Bottle	Lizard	Frog	Spinach
Avocado	Green Shirt	Green Crayon	Green Bicycle	Cloverleaf	Green Yarn
Green Sock	Green Ivy Leaf	Green Pen	Green Ribbon	Leprechaun	Green Block
Crocus Leaf	Dollar Bill	Bay Leaf	Green Skirt	Green Ice Cream	Green Feather
Grasshopper	Green Book	Mint	Green Button	Green Noodles	Alligator
Peas	Fir Tree	Green Picture	Cactus	Green Boat	Green Door

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