

Micro Hike

Materials: magnifying glasses, string cut into 2m lengths

Procedure: (Focus Attention)

- 1) Tell the students that you will be going on a hike. Then give each student one length of string. Instruct the students that the string will be their tour guide.
- 2) Then have each student find a place that interests them. Any spot will do. Once they have found their location, they will lay their string out in front of them on the ground and begin their hike.
- 3) To do this, they must use their magnifying glass to shrink down to the size of an ant. Creeping on their bellies, inch by inch, following the string, they will explore the miniature landscape, looking through their magnifying glass, viewing such wonders as a blade of grass bent by dew, or a passing ant scurrying along on its business. Remind them to keep their eyes as close to the ground as possible.