Science

- The student has learned about the different types of gemstones found in nature and how they are formed.
- They have developed an understanding of the process of excavation and the tools used in a dig kit.
- The activity has provided hands-on experience in identifying and classifying gemstones based on their physical properties.
- Through the process of excavation, the student has gained an appreciation for the natural world and the treasures it holds.

After the gemstone dig kit activity, children can continue their exploration of geology and gemstones by visiting a natural history museum or researching gemstone formations online. They can also create their own "gemstone collection" using craft materials and learn about the cultural significance of different gemstones.

Book Recommendations

- <u>Gemstones</u> by Mary Simon: A beautifully illustrated book that introduces young readers to various gemstones and their properties.
- The Rock Factory: A Story About the Earthâ s Material by Jacqui Bailey: This book explores the process of rock formation and the different types of rocks and gemstones found in the Earthâ s crust.
- <u>Gemstones: Understanding, Identifying, Buying</u> by Keith Wallis: A comprehensive guide to gemstones that introduces children to the world of geology and the science behind gemstones.

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