



Prospecting for Gold Activity

This is a fun, at home activity that will allow you to have a tasty good time as you try your hand looking for “gold”...well, kind of!

What you will need:

- ∴ Chips Ahoy cookies**
- ∴ Toothpicks**
- ∴ Paper plate or napkin**

Early '49ers found that looking for gold was a tedious undertaking. Pretend you are one of these early '49ers and grab your CLAIM (cookie) and a PICK (toothpick). Start picking away at your claim and uncover as many chunks of gold (chocolate chips) as you can. The more solid the chunks are the better. The bigger the nuggets of gold, the more money early prospectors would get. BUT, don't dismiss all those little shavings (slivers of chocolate). Put those off to the side. Slivers and shavings of gold were still worth some money for '49ers. Have fun with this activity! The best part for you present day fourth grade '49ers is that you get to eat your claim in the end. HAPPY PICKING!

