



Street Baptist Church Holiday Bible Club 2021

Summer Shape Trail

Instructions and route



This is a car treasure hunt for all ages. It is a 20-mile drive around the beautiful Somerset countryside, including some out-of-the-way places you may never have been before. The route is given below with a number of “checkpoints” where you have to search for a shape. Once you have found the shape, check the clue sheet for the phrase that goes with it and write it in the box on this sheet. When you have found all the shapes you will be able to read the message – a bit of encouragement as we move out of the Covid restrictions.

The trail takes two to three hours to complete and you could easily make a day of it. Or you might choose to split it over several days. We have suggested some ice-cream stops along the way. You can drive the trail whenever you choose but we are planning a picnic and games at the destination in Evercreech on **Saturday 28th August between 12.00 and 3.00pm**. So if you can do it on that morning, please bring a picnic lunch and meet at the end. If you complete the route earlier, you can, of course, drive straight to the finish on that morning to join in the picnic and games. The hunt is just for fun, but all children who arrive at the playground on Saturday 28th August will receive a small prize.

Although the majority of the trail is on minor roads, there are some major roads to cross and short sections along major roads. Please be very conscious of safety. We recommend that, as well as the driver, there is a second person in the car who can read. It is usually best to stop at the checkpoints but please take care when parking and walking. Some of the checkpoints are near to people’s homes, so please be considerate of this.

Directions	Space for phrase
1. The starting point for this trail is the car park by the Youth Hostel on Street Hill. Park in the car park and you will find your first shape on the front of the Youth Hostel Chalet. (It’s a green triangle!) Look at the answer sheet to find the phrase which is linked with the shape and write it in the answer space. (We’ve done this one for you!)	<i>The Lord says,</i>
2. Turn left out of the car park, go straight across the main road to continue along the ridge for about 2.5 miles. This is probably a Roman road but it is named after Reynald Huse who lived in this area about 700 years ago. When you come out of the woodland, take the next turn on the left, Sub Road, signposted to Butleigh. (The fingerpost is on the right hand side, opposite the turning.) Drive down the hill until you reach the 30mph speed limit and then turn immediately right into Kingweston Road. The houses on the corner replaced Butleigh Cottage Hospital, which closed in 2005. What shape can you find decorating the top of the gatepost?	
3. Continue along Kingweston Road, round the sharp bend and up the hill until you see Butleigh Cross in front of you. This is a stone cross, unveiled in 1951 to commemorate Butleigh residents who died during the First and Second World Wars. The figure carved below Jesus is St. Leonard, for whom the local church is named. He is the patron saint of political prisoners. What shape is the very top of the monument?	

<p>4. Turn left into the smaller road that goes down the hill from the cross (Banbury Lane) and turn right at the end of the lane. Drive for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to a sharp right-hand bend that brings you into the centre of Barton St. David. Along the way, watch out for the horse jumping over the hedge on the right! Pass The Barton Inn on your right and look for the cottage on the left that has a mill stone outside. What shape is it?</p>	
<p>5. Almost immediately, turn left into Mill Road. Continue along Mill Road, following it round a right hand bend and ignoring side turnings until you reach the bridge over the river. There is space to park just before the bridge. This bridge is called Tootle Bridge. Although it would be lovely to think it was so named because you should tootle your horn before crossing, it is actually derived from Todelemill and was originally built in the 14th Century and rebuilt in 1719. Never mind! The farm on the opposite bank is Tootle Bridge Farm. What shape is the shutter on the small window on the barn?</p>	
<p>6. Carefully cross the bridge (don't forget to tootle your horn!) and continue along Honey Mead Lane for a little over a mile, ignoring side turnings and following the signs for Baltonsborough. As you enter the village, look out on the right for a large house with a prominent three-storey tower added to the front. This was once a school for nuns but is now St. Anne's boarding house for senior boys at Millfield School. What shape is the roof of the tower?</p>	
<p>7. Continue along Martin Street into the village. At the centre of the village there is a crossroads with the war memorial cross easily visible on the left. But what shape is the adjacent war memorial?</p>	
<p><i>Fancy a stop and an ice cream? Turn left at this crossroads and Balsbury Grocers is on the right in 150 yards with a playground adjacent. There is ample parking behind the shop and they sell delicious ice cream.</i></p>	
<p>8. From the crossroads, continue in the direction you were going along Martin Street for just over a mile, ignoring side turnings until you reach Coxbridge where there is a right turn signed to West Bradley and West Pennard. Turn and then turn right again shortly at the T junction. At this junction, what shape is the sign advertising Canters Green?</p>	
<p>9. After the T junction, follow the road into West Bradley until you find the church on your left. There is parking opposite it. Take a walk round the church. It dates from the 14th Century although the font and piscina are Norman. If you can get inside you can have a look at them. Much of the building was renovated in the 19th Century. Can you spot the drain pipes dated 1873? What shape is in the middle of the date?</p>	
<p>10. Stay on the road through West Bradley and out towards Ditchat for about a mile, ignoring side turnings. At Withial Farm, what shape is the lamp on top of the lamp post?</p>	
<p>11. Carry on towards Ditchat for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile until you see a finger post for a left turn to East Pennard and Shepton Mallet. What shape is on top of the finger post?</p>	
<p>12. Do not take this turning, but carry on towards Ditchat. In $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles you will reach the junction with the A37, which you need to cross. Please take care – this is a dangerous junction. On the corner of the junction is a derelict pub and immediately after crossing you will see its car park on the right. What shapes are standing guard at the entrance to the car park?</p>	

<p>13. A mile or so further along the road, spot The Old Rectory on the right. Although this appears to be a Georgian building, it is actually all new and recently sold for £1.5 million. What shape is each face of the main roof?</p>	
<p>14. Continue on, round a right hand bend and a left hand bend, into Ditcheat and you will see the church in front of you. There is parking round the next bend along the road in front of the church. What shape is each step of the war memorial in the church yard?</p>	
<p><i>If you managed to resist the ice cream last time, you might need one now. A quick detour takes you to Barber's Farm Shop, where you can also buy some of their delicious cheese and other products. From the church, continue through the village and turn right where signposted to Alhampton with a smaller sign for Maryland Farm. Take the first turning right (Smith's Lane) and you will see the farm shop in 200 yards. To continue the trail, return to the main road through the village and turn right.</i></p>	
<p>15. From the church, continue on the same road through the rest of the village and out into the countryside at the other end. After ¼ mile, a gate on the left leads into Longhill Farm with its lodge and barn. They obviously love their signs! What shape is the sign that says 1?</p>	
<p>16. A further ½ mile along this road brings you to a T junction with the A371. Turn right and then take the first left, after the bridge and farm. Take the next turning left, just before Waddon Farm. Look at the end wall of the small barn behind the farmhouse. What shape is the white cover with a drainpipe sticking through it?</p>	
<p>17. Continue along the same road into Lamyatt. This is an ancient settlement with a Roman temple on the hill. The village is recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086. Then it belonged to the Abbot of Glastonbury who sub-let it to his doctor. His doctor was called Nigel. The village has a produce stall in an old bus shelter on the right as you drive through. What shape is the top of the table used for the produce?</p>	
<p>18. Follow the road out of the village where it rises up a hill and turns left. Lamyatt Lodge is on the right just before the next bend. What shape is the window over the front door?</p>	
<p>19. Follow the road as it curves around the base of Creech Hill on your right. This hill had an iron age enclosure on it, probably used to keep animals in. At the T junction, turn left down the hill on the B3081. About half-way down the hill on the left is the Old School House with the Teacher's House opposite. A brown sign points right to Milton Clevedon Church. What shape is the sign?</p>	
<p>20. One mile further down the road, you start to enter Evercreech, passing on your right the cemetery and the Bell Inn, then on your left the church and war memorial. Find a place to park and have a look at the church. The doors have latches operated by hanging loops. What shape are the loops?</p>	
<p>21. Continue along the High Street, signed to Shepton Mallet. Pass the factory units in the process of being demolished on the right and then turn right into Neale's Way. After 250 yards you will see the entrance to a car parking area on the right. Pull in and walk through the gap in the hedge to the playing field. Well done! You've made it to the finish. What shape is the orange storage container on the playing field?</p>	