

Bear Cub Tracks

Materials: ½ c water, 1 c flour, 1 c salt, mixing bowl

Preparation: Mix dry ingredients, water, and completely knead into a ball.

Instructions:

1. Gently place child's foot into dough making a footprint.
2. Let dough air dry for approximately four (4) hours.



The Very Brave Bear

Materials: internet access

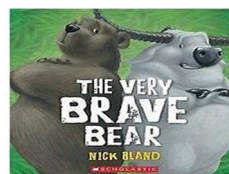
Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:

1. Watch this read aloud book with your infant. Pause to point out interesting illustrations.
2. Repeat names of objects to promote language.

The Very Brave Bear on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VVPLXPrYGDA>



Name that Animal

Materials: pictures of jungle animals (pictures online work as well)

Preparation: none

Instructions:

1. Point to the different animals, say the animals' names, make the animals' sounds, and describe the animals' colors and sizes.



What's That Roaring?

Materials: paper, pencil, small container

Preparation: Tear the paper into six pieces. Write each of the following names on a piece of torn paper: lion, elephant, frog, cockatoo, elephant, and snake. Fold the papers and place them in the small container.

Instructions:

1. Shake the container and choose an animal.
2. Make the sound of the animal chosen followed by saying the name. Choose a different animal and repeat.



Jungle Animal Song

Materials: internet access

Preparation: Preview the video.

Instructions:

1. Sing along with the video.
2. As you sing along, you can also move like the animals.

Watch this video of the *Jungle Animal Song* on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NNELmTbw9yM>



Textures of the Jungle

Materials: fabric (find pieces of fabric with textures similar to an animal)

Preparation: Gather fabrics with different textures.

Instructions:

1. Introduce your infant to the material by placing the material in his/her hand.
2. Allow your infant to hold and play with the material as they explore different textures.
3. Describe the different textures such as fluffy, bumpy, and/or smooth.



Jungle Critters

Materials: paint (blue and black), paintbrush, white paper, wipes

Preparation: Gather all of the materials. Wipe your infant's feet for painting.

Instructions:

1. Paint the outer part of your infant's right foot with black paint creating an outline. Paint the inside of your infant's right foot with blue paint.
2. Gently place your infant's right foot on the paper at an angle creating the left wing of the morphos butterfly.
3. Create the right wing using the opposite foot with the same painted pattern.



What to Do If an Elephant Stands on Your Foot

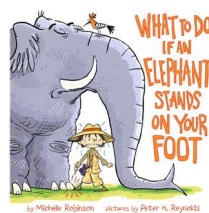
Materials: internet access

Preparation: Preview the video.

Instructions:

1. Watch this read aloud book with your infant. Pause to point out interesting illustrations.
2. Repeat names of objects to promote language.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IN4Mljo0xjk>



Elephant Trunk

Materials: straw, one cup of water

Preparation: Gather all materials.

Instructions:

1. Assist and modify as needed. Place straw into cup of water. Seal the straw with finger, leaving water inside.
2. Place the straw filled with water over your infant's hand, allowing them to explore their senses with water play. Make the sound of the elephant as you release the water.



I see a Tree

Materials: paint (brown and green), white paper, wipes

Preparation: Gather all materials.

Instructions:

1. Assist and modify as needed. Allow infant to dip fingers in the brown paint and assist with making lines at different angles and sizes on the paper representing the trees.
2. Assist infant with placing hand in green paint. Place handprints throughout the paper to complete the trees in the jungle.
As you all paint, describe the trees.



Five Little Monkeys

Materials: theme-related nursery rhyme such as Five Little Monkeys (The nursery rhyme can be accessed online if needed.)

Preparation: none

Instructions:

Sing the nursery rhyme to your infant. Use your hands to gesture the number of monkeys as you sing.



Furry Jungle Friends

Materials: soft and smooth materials

Preparation: Gather several materials in your home that are soft and smooth. Place them near your infant.

Instructions:

1. Assist and modify as needed. Explore textures that are soft and smooth like a leopard, tiger, or jaguar.



Little Jungle Frog

Materials: toys (variety of toys with different sizes and shapes)

Preparation: Place toys on the floor and gently place your infant on his/her tummy facing the toys. Modify as needed.

Instructions:

1. As you introduce each toy, compare the larger toys with the larger animals in the jungle. A larger toy would be compared to a crocodile while a smaller toy would be compared to a frog.
2. Assist and modify as needed. Allow infant to hold and play with each toy.
3. Repeat the size, name, and sound of the animal the toy represents as it is being introduced.



The Animal Boogie

Materials: internet access

Preparation: Preview the video.

Instructions:

1. Watch this read aloud book with your infant. Pause to point out interesting illustrations.
2. Create your own dance as you sing along.

The Animal Boogie on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jYO5hTsj4Do>

Parrot Play

Materials: 1 cup hair gel, confetti, packing tape, ziplock bag

Preparation: Gather all materials, mix, and properly close.

Instructions:

1. Place hair gel and confetti (or your choice of items) in the sensory bag. Gently ensure all the air is removed from the bag and it is properly closed.
2. Seal the bag with packing tape.
3. Assist and modify as needed. Introduce the colorful sensory bag and allow your infant to explore the squishy texture.