

## Cup Animals

**Materials:** foam or plastic cups, markers, art materials found around the home

**Preparation:** Gather all materials.

**Instructions:**

1. Talk about different animals and how they look.
2. Allow child to create an animal using the cup and various materials provided.



## Salt/Flour Tray Letter/Shape Forming

**Materials:** index card, markers, pan/tray, salt or flour

**Preparation:** Pour salt or flour into pan/tray and prepare flash cards with various shapes or letters.

**Instructions:**

1. Place salt or flour into a pan or tray.
2. Allow child to draw various shapes and/or letters using finger.
3. Repeat as many times as desired.



## What are the animals up to?

**Materials:** internet access

**Preparation:** Access the zoo live-feed videos by using this link  
<https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/>

**Instructions:**

1. Explore live videos of animals provided that are currently housed at the zoo.
2. Try to see if you can spot what the animals are eating, how their houses look, and what activities they are doing.



## Zoo Animal Cracker Math

**Materials:** animal crackers or fruit snacks, bowls for sorting

**Preparation:** Gather all materials.

**Instructions:**

1. Have child sort animal crackers by animal.
2. Discuss what animal has the most? Count them. Which has the least? Count them.
3. Snack on the animal crackers. Try giving clues about what animal to eat. For example, growl and ask your child to eat the animal that makes a growling sound!



## Size Sorting

**Materials:** container with lid, scissors (or box cutter), sorting supplies (markers, crayons, straws, etc.)

**Preparation:** Take the lid to your container and measure the three (or more) items that your child will be sorting. Cut holes for these items to fit through.

**Instructions:**

1. Gather the various items that your child will be sorting.
2. Allow child to sort items and place them in the correct holes.



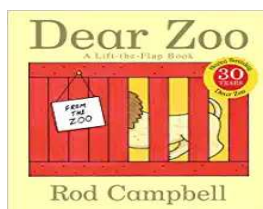
## Dear Zoo

**Materials:** internet access

**Preparation:** Preview the video.

**Instructions:**

1. Access the read aloud story by using the link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rudDGRQ9QGA>
2. Listen to the story with your child.
3. Discuss the story and the animals that live at the zoo.



## Coffee Bear

**Materials:** coffee grounds, paint (brown or black), paint brushes, paper

**Preparation:** Gather all materials. Mix coffee grounds and brown or black paint.

**Instructions:**

1. Have your child create their own brown or black bear using coffee grounds mixed in paint using paint brushes.
2. Discuss the texture of a bear and how it is like the paint mixture.
3. Allow to dry.



## Spaghetti Cutting

**Materials:** container, cooked and cooled spaghetti, scissors (child-sized)

**Preparation:** Gather all materials.

**Instructions:**

1. Place cooled spaghetti in a container.
2. Allow child to cut spaghetti noodles into pieces using child-sized scissors.



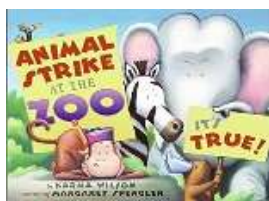
## *Animal Strike at the Zoo. It's True!*

**Materials:** internet access

**Preparation:** Preview the video.

**Instructions:**

1. Access the story using the following link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JWBkN1nn2Nc>
2. Listen to the story and discuss the animals at the zoo and details about them (what sounds they make, how their houses look, what they eat, etc.).



## Zookeeper, May I?

**Materials:** none

**Preparation:** none

**Instructions:**

1. You and child act as a Zookeeper giving directions on what animal to act out.
2. For example, take five kangaroos hops, walk four elephant steps, etc.



## Color Sorting

**Materials:** construction paper (various colors), tape, various toys and objects that match the colors of the construction paper

**Preparation:** Secure various colors of construction paper on a flat surface with tape. Gather materials for sorting.

**Instructions:**

1. Allow child to sort materials based on color by placing objects on construction paper.



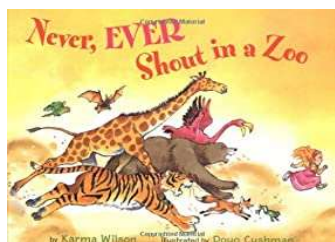
## Never, Ever Shout in a Zoo

**Materials:** internet access

**Preparation:** Preview video.

**Instructions:**

1. Access the read aloud book using the following link:  
<https://youtu.be/Ke5wvFgQso4>
2. Listen to the story, discuss the animals seen in the zoo, their habitats, and the sounds they made.



## Animal Charades

**Materials:** bag/container, pictures of different animals

**Preparation:** Gather all materials.

**Instructions:**

1. Place pictures of different animals in bag/container.
2. You or your child can pick animals and act them out while the other tries to guess what the animal is.



## Animal Tape Rescue

**Materials:** animal figures, cookie sheet or spot to catch them, tape

**Preparation:** Gather all materials.

**Instructions:**

1. Secure animals on back of cookie sheet using tape.
2. Allow child to remove all animals from the pan and tape.



### ANIMAL TAPE RESCUE

## Curious George Visits the Zoo

**Materials:** internet access

**Preparation:** Preview video.

**Instructions:**

1. Access video using the following link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9RNpRjMcZDA>
2. Listen to the story. Discuss the animals seen by George and some of the things he did at the zoo.

