

January Wild Animal Adventures

Age: 18 months to 24 months
Skills: language, gross motor, social

Materials: pictures of animals with legs exposed (cut out from magazines or newspaper; you can also search the



Five Little Ducks

5 little ducks went out one day
Over the hills and far away,
Mommy (daddy) duck called quack quack quack,
But only 4 little ducks came back.
4 little ducks went out one day
Over the hills and far away,
Mommy (daddy) duck called quack quack quack,
But only 3 little ducks came back.
3 little ducks went out one day
Over the hills and far away,
Mommy (daddy) duck called quack quack quack,
But only 2 little ducks came back.

Parent Tip: Take your child to see ducks at a local park and teach them this chant.

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Age: 18 months to 24 months
Skills: fine motor, art, pre-writing, language and math

Materials: pictures of animals with legs exposed (cut out from magazines or newspaper; you can also search the internet), scissors paper, and glue

Preparation: Gather the materials

Activity: Show your young toddler the different animals. Talk about the colors of each animal and their characteristics (size, eyes, nose, legs, paws, hoofs) and say the different names of each animal. Next, encourage your toddler to pick out different color crayons and scribble a picture of the animals that they have learned about today.



Parent Tip: Scribbling is a young child's work. The marks they make on the paper are beginning stages of art and pre-writing. Encourage your toddler to scribble on large sheets of paper. Brown paper pages cut into large sheets of paper work great.

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Age: 2-3 year-olds
Skills: language, math, gross motor, eagerness and curiosity, science
Parent Tip: Oral language development promotes comprehension of spoken language. Playing with words is fun and educational.

Teach your child this fun chant

"Five Little Monkeys Sitting in a Tree"

Five little monkeys,
Sitting in a tree,
Teasing Mr. Crocodile,
"You can't catch me,
No, you can't catch me."

Along comes Mr. Crocodile
quiet as can be...
SNAP!



[Repeat rhyme with four monkeys, three, two, and one.]

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Age: 3,4, and 5 year-olds
Skills: Science, math, literacy, language and fine motor

Materials: pictures of animals with legs exposed (cut out from magazines or newspaper; you can also search the internet), scissors paper, and glue

Activity: Animal Legs

Preparation: Cut out pictures of wild animals that are four legged and two legged. Glue each animal picture onto a separate piece of paper.



Activity: Look at the animal pictures with your child. Help your child identify each animal and describe the animals characteristics. Now count how many legs each animal has and sort the animals into two groups. Two legged animals and four legged animals.

