

Jungle Safari- August 2019

A **jungle** is a forest thick with trees, other plants, and animals. ... **Jungles** — thick tropical forests — are full of life: birds, insects, reptiles, monkeys, giraffe, rhinoceros, hippopotamus, crocodile, zebra and often gorillas and other animals. They're dangerous places, even for the animals that live there. This is why jungle also means any place that is risky or wild. Jungles are known for their thick forests and their large amounts of plants and vines. While they have a lot in common with rainforests, they are not the same thing. Rainforests have extremely thick canopies of trees and the floor of them is completely blocked from the sun. Jungles, on the other hand, allow more light in from the sun so that lets more plants grow. This extra light helps the plants and trees grow so much, in fact, that it can be very difficult to move around in a jungle.

Jungles are found all over the world, usually surrounding rainforests that have grown. The most famous jungles in the world can be found in Central America and South America, but they are located in other areas, as well. Because they need warm environments with hot and steamy temperatures, jungles are typically found near the equator.

Because jungles surround rainforests and are found in similar places, the weather in jungles is about the same as it is in the rainforest. The weather in jungles is very hot and humid. It typically rains a lot in these places, which also helps the plants grow. Because the weather is always warm and there is never any winter or freeze period, organisms grow quickly and constantly in the ideal environment, especially different types of bacteria.

SOCIAL

Jungle Animal video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QEeW7pARr4k>

Target: sharing ideas

Read a Book about The Jungle

Target: social interactions

Go on a safari

<https://allfortheboys.com/pretend-play-go-on-a-safari/>

Target: peer interaction

Jungle Maze

<http://www.paper-and-glue.com/2014/07/jungle-theme-weekly-home-preschool.html>

Target: co-operation

Jungle sensory bin #1

<https://rainydaymum.co.uk/story-book-summer-edward-jungle/><https://picklebums.com/jungle-play-dough/>

Target: sharing



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PHYSICAL

Fine Motor

Jungle Play dough #1

<https://nurturestore.co.uk/jungle-small-world-play-dough-fun>

Target: grasping



**Play Dough
Jungle**



Bendable Snack

https://kidscraftroom.com/bendy-paper-loom-band-snake-craft/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=pinterest&utm_campaign=tailwind_tribes&utm_term=297615202_8398984_159012

Looms are elastic bands

Target: eye hand coordination



Bubble wrap snake

https://www.positivelysplendid.com/fun-craft-for-kids-using-bubble-wrap#_a5y_p=1387543

Target:



Paper plate snake

<https://www.craftymorning.com/paper-plate-snake-craft-using-rolling-pin/>

Target: scissor skills



Gross Motor

Jungle Yoga

<https://www.pinkoatmeal.com/jungle-yoga-pose-ideas/>

Target: balance

Crocodile crawl

Crocodile Race Have the children go from one end of the room to the other on their bellies using their arms to pull them along and legs to push them along. Did You Know? The Nile Crocodile is the most prominent in African jungles and the Salt Water Crocodile lives in the Asian Jungles.

Target: co-ordination

Jungle Obstacle Course

Create an obstacle course inside or outside. Encourage the children to act like a jungle animal while completing the course: Under the table like a crocodile. Leap over some blue fabric (the river) like a Leopard. Climb over a chair or item like a Monkey. Slither around a chair like a Python.

Target: co-ordination

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Stay out of the Swamp

Use either a jump rope, broomsticks, piece of rope, etc. Set the two objects parallel to each other (forming a swamp). The children then jump across the swamp trying not to land in the crocodile area. Move the objects farther apart after each attempt

Target: balance

INTELLECTUAL

Language

5 Little Monkeys

5 little monkey's swinging in a tree

Along came a crocodile

Quiet as can be

The first monkey said

"You can't catch me"

SNAP!

4 little monkey's swinging in a tree... etc

3 little monkey's swinging in a tree... etc

2 little monkey's swinging in a tree... etc

1 little monkey swinging in a tree

Along came a crocodile

Quiet as can be

The last monkey said

"You can't catch me"

SNAP!

"You missed me."

Target: number labelling

Giraffe song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0EdZZWkcm5Q>

target: vocabulary

Jungle song

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

target: repetition

Going on a jungle trip

Going on A Jungle Trip You will need: cardboard tubes for the children to use as binoculars (staple 2 together for each child); pictures of jungle animals, trees, etc. To introduce kids to the Jungle, hang pictures of the animals they might see there as well as the trees, flowers, etc.

Make up your own version of "Going on a Bear Hunt" song as you take the children on a tour of the Jungle:

We're going on a Jungle Trip (we're going on a jungle trip

What will we see? (What will we see?)

Let's get out our binoculars (use binoculars).

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What do you see? (Choose one of the items a child sees. Walk over to it together and tell them what it is. Remove picture from wall or chair or wherever you had it, show it to them and then move on to the next.)

What else do you see? Continue until all pictures have been found. Go back and show them the pictures, ask if anyone remembers any of the names?

EXTENSION: Provide glue and misc. arts/craft supplies at the writing table for the children to decorate their binoculars and print their names on them. I do not add yarn or string to them. I know many do so the children can hang them around their necks throughout the day, but we've found this to be very dangerous as they get caught on toys, doorknobs, chairs and their friends.

Target: vocabulary

Going Out to Play

Use the names of Jungle critters to sing the classic song "One Little Duck" only use the jungle names:

One _____ went out to play on a bright and shiny day.

He/she had such enormous fun That he/she called another _____ to come. (Call out sounds the children think this animal would make). Continue on with many animals. When done, end this way:

...That he/she called another _____ to come.

Target: rhyming

Cognitive

Mixed up Chameleon

<https://munchkinsandmoms.com/mixed-chameleon-paint-mixing-activity/>



Target: cause and effect

Jungle Terrarium

<https://craftingagreenworld.com/articles/terrarium-diy-miniature-rainforest/>

Target: sequencing



Animal track painting

<https://teachpreschool.org/2011/12/30/preschool-activity-animal-tracks-are-not-alike/>

Target: matching

Animal Cracker Match

Materials needed: Animal crackers for snack! Have the children compare and classify the animals on their napkins. And then compare with the animals their friends have!

Target: matching

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Jungle File Folder game

<https://www.preschool-plan-it.com/support-files/preschool-jungle-theme.pdf>

Target: matching

This site can be used for the "Going on a jungle trip" pictures as well.

CREATIVE

Sensory bin #2

<https://clareslittletots.co.uk/2016/04/jungle-tuff-spot/>

Target: sensory

Giraffe/elephant or zebra handprint

<https://www.kidssoup.com/craft-and-resource/on-safari-handprint-animals-craft-for-preschool-and-kindergarten>

Target: creativity



Jungle Slime

https://buggyandbuddy.com/how-to-make-jungle-slime/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=pinterest&utm_campaign=tailwind_tribes&utm_content=tribes



Target: sensory

Jungle Playdough #2

<https://picklebums.com/jungle-play-dough/>

Target: creativity



Banana peel painting

Have a banana for snack and then use the peels to paint with. Explain to the children that monkeys eat bananas.

Target: problem solving

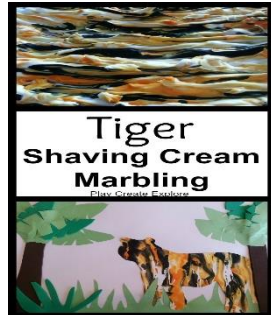
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EMOTIONAL

Tiger marbling

<http://playcreateexplore.blogspot.com/2013/04/tiger-shaving-cream-marbling-craft.html>

Target: independence



Water Beads

<https://allfortheboys.com/water-beads/>

Target: self expression



Sensory bin #3

<https://allfortheboys.com/8337/>

Target: self confidence



Jungle Animal Dance

Show pictures of jungle animals to the children. Ask them how they think that animal moves. Play music and encourage them to move like that animal while making the sounds it makes. Continue with each animal you have pictures of. (See list of Jungle animal names in the Miscellaneous section)

Target: self expression

Jungle Mud

Jungle Mud Mix equal amounts of cornstarch and water to your bin. Add some green paint or food coloring to the water first. Try adding wild animals to the goop to expand the children's imagination.

Target: independence