

## **SOCIAL**

**Animals Sounds** (*this website gives the sounds and a bunch of information and pictures on a variety of different animals*)

<https://seaworld.org/en/animal-info/animal-sounds>

**Target:** sharing ideas

**I Have- Who Has?** Animal matching game (the teacher has the “Who has” cards and give the children the “I have” cards. The teacher holds up the card and the children match the card that is being held up)

<https://prekinders-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/i-have-who-has-wildlife.pdf>

**Target:** taking turns

### **Wild Animal Charades**

After learning about different animals, encourage the children, one at a time, to act out one animal for the other children to guess. Have them whisper in your ear which animal they will be (they tend to change their mind mid-acting!). Or show pictures of the animals to the children. Show each child a picture of one and tell them to act that one out so the others can guess! You may have to start the activity. You can use the same cards from the above activity.

**Target:** peer interactions

### **Lion Book-** picture book on lions

<https://www.prekinders.com/pdf/lions.pdf>

**Target:** sharing ideas

### **Read a Book on Wild Animals**

**The Umbrella**, by Jan Brett

**Chameleon Chameleon**, by Joy Cowley

**Red-Eyed Tree Frog**, by Joy Cowley

**So Say the Little Monkeys**, by Nancy Van Laan

**The Mixed-Up Chameleon**, by Eric Carle

**Me... Jane**, by Patrick McDonnell

**Five Little Monkeys Sitting in a Tree**, by Eileen Christelow

**Handa's Surprise**, by Eileen Browne

**Honey... Honey... Lion!**, by Jan Brett

**Target:** Peer interaction

### **Day Home Book: “I Went On Safari”**

Children choose a wild animal to draw on the page. Each page says: “I went on safari, and what did I see? I saw a \_\_\_\_\_ looking at me!” The pages are put together to make a day home book.

**Target:** sharing ideas

**PHYSICAL**  
**Gross Motor**

**Animal Yoga**

<https://mothernatured.com/animal-play/animal-yoga-for-kids/>

**Target: full body movement**

**Ten Baby Kangaroos**

(act out the poem as you say it)

Ten baby kangaroos standing in a row

When they see their mama, they bow just so (bow)

They kick to the left (hop to the left)

They kick to the right (hop to the right)

Then they close their eyes & sleep all night. (Put head on hands and pretend to sleep)

**Target: balance**

**The Elephant**

(act out the poem as you and the children say it)

The elephant goes like this and that, this and that, this and that.

(Walk heavily and stomp feet loudly)

The elephant goes like this and that, because he's so big and fat!

(Puff up cheeks and stretch out arms)

He has no fingers and has no toes; He has no fingers and has no toes.

(Wiggle fingers; wiggle toes)

He has no fingers and has no toes, But goodness, gracious, what a nose!

(Stick arms out like a long trunk.) **Target: large muscle movement**

**Underneath the Monkey Tree**

(Act out the poem as you say it). Pretending to swing from tree to tree)

Come and play a while with me, Underneath the monkey tree.

Monkey See and Monkey Do, Just like monkeys in the zoo.

Swing your tail, one, two, three, Underneath the monkey tree.

Monkey See and Monkey Do, Just like monkeys in the zoo.

Jump around and smile like me, Underneath the monkey tree.

Monkey See and Monkey Do, Just like monkeys in the zoo

**Target: co-ordination**

**Elephant Conga Line**

Children walk like an elephant on all four legs, trying to keep their balance while lifting a front leg and a back leg. We made a line of elephants and tried walking around in a circle as a group.

**Target: balance**

### Fine Motor

#### Handprint Lion or Elephant

**For the lion** have the children put orange or yellow paint on their hand and then make a circle of handprints. Put a circular piece of paper in the center of the fingerprints and have the children draw a face.

**For the elephant** have the children put grey paint on their hand. Put a full handprint on a piece of paper and then have the children draw a face for their elephant

**Target: eye hand coordination**



#### Alligator Noise

(Softly) Alligator (Make alligator mouth with fingers)

Looking for some food in the morning

(Louder) Alligator (Make alligator mouth with hands)

Looking for some food in the morning

(Louder) Alligator (Make alligator mouth with arms)

Looking for some food in the morning.

**Target: finger manipulation**



#### Leopard Prints

<https://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2009/05/leopard-craft.html>

**Target: grasping**



#### Toilet Paper Giraffe

<https://www.redtedart.com/story-art-great-start-giraffes-cant-dance/>

**Target: hand coordination**

### INTELLECTUAL

#### Cognitive

##### Animal Tracks

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

**Target: comparing**



#### Matching Animal Halves

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B7HU0DcVrlesN1F2Z3RhckhXNEk/view>

**Target: matching**

#### Animal Sound song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oYO8clFKbSM>

**Target: recognition**

### **Scent Hunt**

We talk about ways lions use their sense of smell. Cotton balls are placed around the room: a few unscented cotton balls and some with scented oil. The children pretend to be lions on the hunt by crawling around, and use their noses to find the scented ones. If you have students with perfume allergies or asthma, be sure to use natural scented oil, such as peppermint oil.

**Target: labeling**

### **Elephant and Peanut Counting cards**

<http://www.makinglearningfun.com/themepages/ElephantPeanutCountCard.htm>

**Target: number labeling**

### ***Language***

#### **Alligator on a Log**

There once was an alligator sitting on a log,  
Down in the pool he saw a little frog  
In jumped the alligator, and around went the log  
Splash went the water, and away swam the frog

**Target: repetition**

#### **Five Little Monkeys**

Five little monkeys swinging in a tree,  
Teasing the alligators, you can catch me, you can catch me....  
Along came an alligator quiet as can be.....  
And snapped that monkey right out of that tree!  
Four little monkeys swinging in a tree,  
Teasing the alligators, you can catch me, you can catch me....  
Along came an alligator quiet as can be.....  
And snapped that monkey right out of that tree!  
Three little monkeys swinging in a tree,  
Teasing the alligators, you can catch me, you can catch me....  
Along came an alligator quiet as can be.....  
And snapped that monkey right out of that tree!  
Two little monkeys swinging in a tree,  
Teasing the alligators, you can catch me, you can catch me....  
Along came an alligator quiet as can be.....  
And snapped that monkey right out of that tree!  
One little monkey swinging in a tree,  
Teasing the alligators, you can catch me, you can catch me....  
Along came an alligator quiet as can be.....  
And snapped that monkey right out of that tree!  
No little monkeys swinging in a tree

**Target: rhyming**

## **CREATIVE**

### **Handprint Zebra or Giraffe**

<http://www.survivingateacherssalary.com/4-pot-sized-pasta-kid-craft-ideas-fine-motor-sensory-muellers-shortcuts-contest/>

Target: decision making



### **Paper Plate Snake**

<https://iheartcraftythings.com/painted-paper-snake-craft-kids.html>

Target: creativity



### **Zoo Animal Rescue**

<http://www.simplylearningkids.com/2016/08/zoo-animal-rescue-good-night-gorilla/>

Target: problem solving

## **EMOTIONAL**

### **Paper Plate Safari Hats**

<http://widgetworm.blogspot.ca/2008/10/paper-plate-safari-hats.html>

Target: independence

### **Lion Portraits**

<http://www.havingfunathome.com/2012/03/toddler-craft-post-it-flag-lions.html>

Target: self expression

### **Zoo Animal Movement**

<https://elemenopkids.com/zoo-animal-movement-cards/>

Target: self confidence

### **Jungle Playdough**

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

Target: self expression