

Storytime Kit #20: Zoo



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Contents:

Animal Puppets

- 1 lion
- 1 giraffe
- 1 elephant

Animal Walks CD

- CD & Case
- lyrics booklet
- Activity Sheet

Books:

My Visit to the Zoo by Alikì *Zoo-Looking* by Mem Fox

Animal Colors by Beth Fielding

Down By the Station by Will Hillenbrand



Fingerplays, Songs & Rhymes:

Five Little Elephants (1001 Rhymes & Fingerplays, 1994)

Five little elephants rowing toward the shore,

(hold up five fingers)

One fell in the water, and that left four.

(bend down thumb)

Four little elephants climbing up a tree,
One slid down the trunk, and that left three.

(bend down pointer finger)

Three little elephants living in the zoo,
One walked out the gate, and that left two.

(bend down middle finger)

Two little elephants having lots of fun,
One went to take a bath, and that left one.

(bend down ring finger)

One little elephant sitting in the sun,
She fell sound asleep, and that left none.

(bend down little finger)

I'm a Little Zebra by Jean Warren

I'm a little zebra, White and black,
With a bushy mane, Running down my back.

(run hand down head and shoulders)

I like to gallop, And run and play
Out on the grassy plains all day. *(gallop around)*

I'm a Little Monkey by Carla Cotter Skjong

I'm a little monkey, watch me play,

(hop around near floor)

Munching on bananas every day.

(pretend to eat banana)

I have monkey friends who play with me,

(point to others)

See us climb right up the tree.

(make climbing movements)

Five Little Monkeys

Five little monkeys jumping on the bed,

One fell off and bumped his head.

Mama called the doctor and the doctor said,
"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"

Four little monkeys, etc.

One little monkey jumping on the bed,

He fell off and bumped his head.

Mama called the doctor and the doctor said,
"Put those monkeys back to bed!"

One, One, the Zoo is Lots of Fun

(http://www.kiddles.com/mouseum/o013.html)

One, one,

The zoo is lots of fun.

Two, two,

See a kangaroo.

Three, three,

See a chimpanzee.

Four, four,

Hear the lions roar.

Five, five,

Watch the seals dive.

Six, six,

There's a monkey doing tricks.

Seven, seven,

Elephants eleven.

Eight, eight,

A tiger and his mate.

Nine, nine,

Penguins in a line.

Ten, ten,

I want to come again!



Book Discussion Questions and Activities



My Visit to the Zoo

Discussion Questions/Topics-

- Have you ever been to the zoo?
- What animals do you think you would see at the zoo?
- Point out the names of each animal and where they come from.
- Take time to discuss new vocabulary:



Habitat— the place where an animal naturally lives.

Geography— the earth's features, people and places.

Primate— apes, monkeys and related animals.

Prehensile— being able to wrap around and hold tight.

Endangered— being in danger of disappearing.

Environment— climate, soil, and living things around you.

Intelligent— being able to learn and understand well.

Groomed—cleaned.

Captivity— kept in a cage or zoo.

Carnivores— animals that eat meat.

Monorail— a vehicle that rides on a track.

Herds— a group of animals of one kind.



Diet— food and drink that is regularly eaten.

Nutritionist— someone who studies foods for animals.

Mammal— animals with hair that nurse their young.

Poachers— one who kills animals illegally.

Illegally— doing something against the law.

Ivory— Material that animal tusks are made of.

Extinction— When animals disappear, no longer exist.

Marsupial— animals that carry their young in pouches.

Bamboo— a woody grass with hollow stems.

Aviaries— places to keep birds.

Nectar— sweet liquid inside some flowers.

Recycled— changed (cleaned) and used again.



Zoo Looking

Discussion Questions/Topics -

Read book once, and then again. On the second reading, let the child fill in the name of the animal.

Stop at each animal and ask child to describe it:

- What color is it?
- What is it doing?
- What else can that animal do?
- What makes this animal different from the others?

Activities to do together -

Find all the words that rhyme with "BACK" in the book. Notice how they have some of the same letters in them.



Animal Colors

Discussion Questions -

- Which animals in this book have you seen in your yard? At the zoo? At an aquarium?
- Which ones are your favorites? Why?

Activities to do together -

Make sounds of all the animals you can on each page.



Down by the Station

Discussion Questions -

- Can you find the penguin's babies?
- Which animals sleep in trees?
- Which animals sleep in water?
- Which animals sleep standing up?

Activities to do together -

Use the **Zoo Puppets** to re-tell and make up your own additions to the story. Be sure to add the sounds of the animals at the end!