

CLOVERBUD READING ADVENTURES

Lifesize

By Sophy Henn

This book allows children to compare themselves to animals. This interactive book includes fun details about the animals. Children compare their ears with a kangaroo, their teeth with a tiger, hand with a polar bear, and their tongue with a giraffe. Youth will be laughing and enjoying this book!



ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS

Shadow Animals

Materials: Paper (regular paper, cardstock, butcher paper, construction paper all works), plastic animals, pencils, markers



What to do: Go outside. Put the paper down on the sidewalk or firm surface. Place the plastic animals on the edge so the sun creates shadows. See how **big** or **small** you can make the animal shadows. Trace the animal shape with the pencil. Then color the animal or even create a background on the paper.

Mini Finger Puppets

Materials: Pom-poms, googly eyes, pen, scissors, cardstock or cardboard, pipe cleaners, glue, construction paper



What to do: Using the cardboard or cardstock, have the youth cut a circle for a head and create an animal face. Use the pom-poms, eyes, pens, to create any features on the animal they want. Glue the pipe cleaner on the back and then twist the pipe cleaner around your finger to create the mini animal finger puppet.

GAME

Lifesize Connect Four



Supplies: Yellow plastic tablecloth, 21 red dessert plates, 21 black dessert plates

How to play: Lay the plastic tablecloth out flat. Draw the board by tracing the circle plates. There are 7 across and 6 rows high. Trim off the extra tablecloth if needed. Then hang the tablecloth somewhere or put it flat on the floor. Put a small piece of tape on the back of the plate. Then place the plate on the tablecloth to try to get 4 in a row!

Animal Charades

Supplies: Pictures of a variety of animals (big and small)- examples could be turtle, monkey, leopard, kangaroo, caterpillar, rabbit, snail, bee, polar bear, flamingo, butterfly, crab



How to play: Allow all children to participate in the acting out of the animal and guessing. The person who will be acting out will pick an animal. The rest of the group guesses the animal they are imitating. What animal is hardest to imitate? What does it feel like to be a (BIG or SMALL) animal? What would help you if you were that size animal?

SNACKS

Animal Cracker Snack Mix

Ingredients: Mini vanilla wafers, animal crackers, graham cracker sticks, round candy coated chocolate candies, nuts, dried fruit, bowls, scoop, napkins



What to do: Place the ingredients in separate bowls with a scoop or spoon in each item. Allow youth to put one scoop of each food item in their bowl.

Mini Fruit Pizza

Ingredients: Plain sugar cookies baked and cooled, 8 oz cream cheese softened, ½ c. sugar, 2 tsp. vanilla, napkins, plates, variety of fruit (strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, kiwi, etc.)

What to do: Give each child a sugar cookie. In a large bowl, have youth mix the cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until mixed. Spread onto the sugar cookies. Have youth help cut and prepare the variety of fruit. Decorate their mini fruit pizza with the variety of fruit they prepare. Enjoy.



OTHER BOOKS TO READ ALOUD

Lifesize Baby Animals? by Sophy Henn

Lifesize Dinosaurs? by Sophy Henn

Actual Size by Steve Jenkins

4-H CLOVERBUD READING ADVENTURES

Reading Adventures are part of the Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Program. This adventure was developed by Rebecca Supinger, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, Ohio State University Extension. It contains well-known activities, games, and snacks. Sources are indicated where appropriate. Find more reading adventures online at ohio4h.org/cloverbudresources.

TIP:

This 4-H Cloverbud Reading Adventure works well with Chapter 44 'Pets' in *The Big Book of 4-H Cloverbud Activities* available through OSU Extension offices or online at extensionpubs.osu.edu. Ohio residents get the best price when they order and pick up their purchases through local Extension offices.

SOURCES:

Pictures: A Girl and a Glue Gun: <https://www.agirlandagluegun.com/giant-board-games>

PBS Kids: <https://www.pbs.org/parents/crafts-and-experiments/animal-finger-puppets>

EVALUATION

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