

Dear Caregivers:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime. Please continue helping your child develop by sharing these at home!

# ELEPHANTS

## LETTER OF THE DAY

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## BOOKS TO SHARE

*When Your Elephant Comes to Play*  
by Ale Barba

*Get Out of My Bath!*  
by Britta Teckentrup

*I Dream of an Elephant*  
by Ami Rubinger

*How to Be an Elephant (non-fiction)*  
by Katherine Roy

*A Parade of Elephants*  
by Kevin Henkes

*Crash! Boom!*  
by Robie Harris

*You're Safe With Me*  
by Chita Soundar

*Ella Who?*  
by Linda Ashman

*Mama's Kisses*  
by Kate McMullan

*Have You Seen Elephant?*  
by David Barrow

*Elephant's Story*  
by Harriet Blackford

## FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

### The Elephant

[Tune: "Here We Go 'Round the Mulberry Bush"]

The elephant goes like this and that, [*walk heavily and stomp feet*]

this and that, this and that.

The elephant goes like this and that,

Cause he's so big and he's so fat! [*stretch out arms*]

He has no fingers and has no toes, [*wiggle fingers; wiggle toes*]

He has no fingers and has no toes.

He has no fingers and has no toes,  
But goodness, gracious, what a nose! [*pull hands out from face to suggest a long trunk*]

### Five Little Elephants [fingerplay]

One elephant went out to play,

Over the hills and far away.

He had such enormous fun,

He called for another elephant to come . . . [*use arm as trunk and mimic an elephant trumpeting*]

[Verses: count up to five]

Five little elephants went out to play,

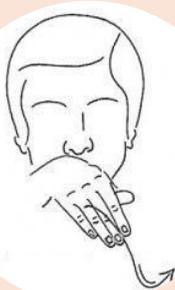
Over the hills and far away.

They had such enormous fun,

They were so sleepy when they were done . . . [*pretend to snore*]

## ASL SIGN OF THE DAY

"Elephant"



The sign for "elephant" uses a flat hand to show the trunk. Start near your nose and then move downward and outward

## Five Elephants in the Tub [action rhyme]

One elephant in the tub,  
Going for a swim,  
Knock-knock [**clap twice**],  
splash-splash [**slap knees twice**],  
Come on in!

[Verses: count up to five]

Five elephants in the tub,  
Going for a swim,  
Knock-knock [**clap twice**],  
splash-splash [**slap knees twice**],  
And they all FELL IN!

## If You're an Elephant

[Tune: "If You're Happy and You Know It"]

If you're an elephant and you know it, stomp your feet,  
If you're an elephant and you know it, stomp your feet,  
If you're an elephant and you know it and you really want to show it,  
If you're an elephant and you know it, stomp your feet!

[Verses: monkey/jump up and down;  
crocodile/snap your jaws; lion/give a roar]

## "Los Elefantes" by Old Town School of Folk Music (2001)

*This version is adapted from a traditional Spanish nursery rhyme.*

## MORE FUN!

Note: It can be tempting, when making a craft or working on an art project to do the craft yourself instead of allowing your child to try, struggle, (and sometimes fail) to make the craft 'correctly.'

However, it is the **PROCESS**, not the **PRODUCT** that is most important part of making something with a child. Have fun and don't worry about perfection!

### Materials:

Cardboard  
Pencil  
Scissors  
Coloring pencils/crayons  
Noise-maker

Help your child draw an elephant shape on the cardboard (facing front).

Cut out the elephant and a small circle where the nose will be (big enough to insert end of noisemaker).

Color/decorate your elephant as desired and then insert noisemaker. Now, your child can make their elephant 'trumpet'!



Check out one of our easy-reader non-fiction books about elephants (you can find these by the green and purple "ER" sticker on their spine!).

"International Elephant Day" is celebrated every year in August to bring awareness to the status of elephants as endangered species.

Talk with your family about the current state of elephants and their natural habitats and investigate some ways to contribute to conservation efforts.

**Tip: There are sometimes graphic images in documentaries and on publicity material for world wildlife conservation organizations. Pre-screen material and use your judgment in deciding what your child(ren) is ready for.**

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