

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!

# JUNGLE

## LETTER OF THE DAY

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## BOOKS TO SHARE

*Mama's Kisses*  
by Kate McMullan

*Who Am I?*  
by Gervase Phinn

*The Perfect Siesta*  
by Pato Mena

*Sloth Slept On*  
by Frann Preston-Gannon

*The President of the Jungle*  
by Andre Rodrigues

*From Head To Toe*  
by Eric Carle

*Giraffes Can't Dance*  
by Giles Andreae

*What Does An Anteater Eat?*  
by Ross Collins

*A Mighty Bitey Creature*  
by Ronda Armitage

*Where's The Elephant?*  
by Barroux

*Hiccupotamus*  
by Steve Smallman

*Row, Row, Row Your Boat*  
by Jane Cabrera

## FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

"I Went to the Jungle One Day"  
[Tune: "London Bridge"]

I went to the jungle on day,  
jungle one day, jungle one day.  
I saw a lion on the way,  
And this is what he said, "ROAR!"

[Verses: substitute other animals like snake, lemur, elephant, frog, etc.]

"You Might See Some..."  
[Tune: "Did You Ever See a Lassie?"]

If you're ever in the jungle,  
The jungle, the jungle,  
If you're ever in the jungle,  
You might see some [name of animal]

You Can Hear  
[Tune: "She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain"]

You can hear the lions roaring in the jungle, ROAR ROAR!  
You can hear the lions roaring in the jungle, ROAR ROAR!  
You can hear the lions roaring, you can hear the lions roaring  
You can hear the lions roaring in the jungle. ROAR ROAR!

[Verses: elephants trumpeting, zebra braying, monkey eeking]

"The Lion Sleeps Tonight" by The Tokens (1961)

## ASL SIGN OF THE DAY

"Animal"



The fingertips touch the chest while the fingers stay straight. The hands pivot inward toward each other twice.  
Think of the breathing of an animal.

## Do You Know the Jungle Animals

[Tune: "Do You Know The Muffin Man"]

Do you know the anaconda, the anaconda, the anaconda?

Oh do you know the anaconda that lives deep in the jungle?

Do you know the chimpanzee, the chimpanzee, the chimpanzee.

Oh do you know the chimpanzee that lives deep in the jungle?

Do you know the crocodile, the crocodile, the crocodile?

Oh do you know the crocodile that lives deep in the jungle?

## Itsy Bitsy Monkey

[Tune: "Itsy Bitsy Spider"]

The itsy bitsy monkey climbed up the coconut tree  
**[climbing motion]**

Down came a coconut and bonked him on his knee  
**[wave hand down and slap knee]**

Along came his mama and kissed away his pain  
**[blow a kiss]**

And the itsy bitsy monkey climbed up the tree again  
**[climbing motion]**

## If You're An Elephant And You Know It

[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: If you're a frog and you know it, JUMP up and down; If you're a tiger and you know it, give a ROAR!]**

## MORE FUN!

### Indoor Safari

#### Materials:

Printer

Tape

Toilet paper tubes

(Alternative: construction paper)

String/yarn



Print out (or draw) images of jungle animals.

Write the word for the animal under the image (this helps build your child(ren)'s **print awareness**).

Hide the animals (not too well!) around a room(s) in your home; no peeking, kids!

Help your child(ren) tape two toilet paper tubes together and attach string to either end for your child to use as a neck strap.

*If you don't have these tubes, you can cut a piece of construction paper in half width-wise and roll up each half into a tube shape. Tape to secure.*

Now, your child can "go on safari" to find the jungle animals you've hidden!

Take turns with your child mimicking the movements of various jungle animals (you can even write down suggestions on slips of paper -- "stomp like an elephant;" "slither like a snake" -- and draw them at random).

***This is a great opportunity to work on gross motor (large muscle) skills.***

Make an easy animal sound guessing game for your child(ren). Search the internet for real footage of play them one at a time for your child -- asking them to guess which animal they think is making the noise.

***Even with very small children, you should pause before supplying the answer yourself to model 'serve and receive' conversation. Example: "What animal makes that noise? [PAUSE]. Yes, that's right, it's a lion roaring!"***

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