

Zoo Activities for Wednesday

On the Move

Hungry Hippo

The hippos are hungry, and they love colors!

Materials:

- Colored balls or paper
- Laundry basket
- Tape
- String

Instructions:

1. Create balls by crumpling sheets of paper or use small colored balls.
2. Spread out colored balls/balls of paper across a cleared space in your home.
3. Tape a medium-sized square to floor in the center of the area.
4. Flip a laundry basket upside down tie a string across opposite sides, creating a handle.
5. Instruct your toddler to drag the laundry basket over the "hippo food" to the inside of the square.
6. Talk about the different colors of the balls they drag into the laundry basket.

Adventures Online

Zoo Animal Guessing Game

Peek around the leaves to guess what zoo animal you can find. Provide your toddler with hints and assistance to guess the zoo animal.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijoV8QrW5JM>

Sensory Time

Zoo Animal Healthy Snacks

It's snack time at the zoo. What do the animals like to eat?

Materials:

- An assortment of fruit and vegetables that zoo animals eat (bananas, mango, carrots, celery, watermelon, apples, etc.)
- Knife
- Plate

Instructions:

1. Adults: Cut the fruit and vegetables into child safe bites.
2. Have your child help you put the cut fruit & vegetables on a plate..
3. As you eat the healthy snack, talk to your child about the colors, smells & tastes of the fruit & vegetables.

Story Time

The Animals at the Zoo

Use your child's favorite zoo book to help you sing this fun tune.

Materials:

- Your child's favorite zoo animal book

The Animals at the Zoo

(to the tune of: "The Wheels on the Bus")

The lions at the zoo go roar, roar, roar
Roar, roar, roar. Roar, roar, roar.
The lions at the zoo go roar, roar, roar
All day long.

Other verses:

snakes ... hiss, hiss, hiss
hyenas ... ha ha ha
monkey ... ooh ooh ooh

Talk with your child about other animals at the zoo and make up your own verses.
Ex: penguins that went skate, skate, skate and a flamingo that went flap, flap, flap.

Arts and Creativity

Paper Plate Giraffe

Giraffes are one of the amazing creatures you see at the zoo, so let's have fun making your own giraffe.

Materials:

- Paper plate
- Yellow & brown crayons
- Scissors
- Paper
- Glue

Instructions:

1. Using the yellow crayon, have your toddler color the paper plate.
2. On a piece of paper, draw & cut out two giraffe ears, two horns and a large circle for the muzzle.
3. Glue pieces onto the paper plate.
4. Draw a nose & mouth on the paper plate & add brown spots to create your paper plate giraffe.