

Animal Week (For all the little animal lovers)

MONDAY

Craft:

[Paper Giraffe](#)

(I love this craft because these cute giraffes are super simple to make with simple supplies so you can make a whole giraffe family for your child to enjoy.)

[DIY Binoculars](#)

(I love this craft because your child can get creative and make their own design. These are easy to make but your child can wear these all week to look for animals.)

Printable:

[Printable Animal Puzzles](#) (2-5)

[Wild Animals Wordsearch](#) (6-12)

Quiet Activities:

Sensory Bin: Fill a plastic bin with [water beads](#) and add [small animal figures](#). Let your child explore the shapes and textures as they play with the animals.

What to read:

[Good Night Gorilla](#)

[The One & Only Ivan](#)

What to watch:

Born to be Wild (Disney+)

TUESDAY

Fun with Food:

[Monkey Banana Muffins](#)

(This recipe is great because these taste as good as they look! Baking with your child sneaks in some math and then your child can get creative while they decorate and create the monkey topper.)

Other fun foods:

Breakfast: Dolphin Banana (Cut a banana in half, cut a slit in the stem to make the "mouth", place a grape in the mouth and use a pen to dot an "eye" on the banana peel.)

Snack: [Animal Crackers](#)

Lunch: [Bunny, Chick or Sheep Toast](#)

Printable:

[Land & Water Animal Sorting Cards](#) (2-5)

[Safari Animal Word Scramble](#) (6-12)

Quiet Activities:

Free Art Time: Leave out [modeling clay](#) (or even play-doh) and let your child work their hand muscles and creativity building some animals.

What to read:

[Little Kids First Big Book of Animals](#)

[The Fascinating Animal Book](#)

WEDNESDAY

Fieldtrip:

In person:

If your local zoo is open pack the hand sanitizer, put on your mask and head that way! You can simply walk around and enjoy the animals or do a fun [zoo scavenger hunt](#). If your local zoo isn't open you can also head to a local farm and visit those animals.

Virtual "Fieldtrip":

*[Smithsonian National Zoo](#)

*[Wolf Conservation Center](#)

*[PBS Zoo Fieldtrip](#)

Printable:

[Zoo Animal Color by Number](#) (2-6)

[Visiting the Zoo Madlib](#) (6-12)

Quiet Activities:

Sensory bin: Fill a plastic box or shoe box with beans and/or lentils. Add easy to grab [zoo animals](#) and let your little one sort them. Add rocks or branches from your yard to add more texture.

What to read:

[If Animals Kissed Goodnight](#)

[The Secret Zoo](#)

THURSDAY

Activity:

[Paper Chain Snake](#)

(I love this craft because your child can play with it after or it can be a fun, colorful decoration for the rest of the week. This is easy for little hands to help make using simple supplies you probably already have.)

OR

[Salt Dough Snakes](#)

(If the paper chain isn't realistic enough you can make these salt dough snakes and paint them to look just like the real thing!)

Printable:

[S is for Snake](#)

[Rattlesnack Coloring Page](#)

Quiet Activities:

Free art time: Leave out a few small bowls of green and yellow paints. Give your child small squares of bubble wrap and let them dip into the paint and then use the bubble wrap to make reptile skin paintings.

What to read:

[The Tale of Peter Rabbit](#)

[Charlotte's Web](#)

FRIDAY

Move Your Body Activity:

[Animal Exercises for Kids](#)

(I love this activity because you can head outside to do this fun activity with your kids or just move things out of the way and do it all in your living room. You can challenge your kids to make up some animal exercises of their own and teach it to the whole family.)

Printable:

[Build a Dog](#)

[Dog Lover Crossword](#)

Quiet Activities: Free Art Time: Leave out plain paper and [animal stickers](#). Let your child create different scenes with the animals that live in similar environments.

What to read:

[Where's Spot](#)

[Because of Winn Dixie](#)

Friday Night Movie Picks:

*Sing

*Madagascar

*Zootopia