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We are shaking things up a bit with our Summer Reading Program 2021!

In this week's Storytime Packet, our theme is the Desert! Travel with us and discover some suggested reads, rhymes, fingerplays, and crafts centered around rattlesnakes & prairie dogs.

All suggested reads can be found in the Brevard County Public Library System and are available to be checked out.

This packet consists of two fully developed storytimes: Babies & Toddlers, and Preschool. Each storytime can be used for all ages though and are for early literacy enrichment and education at home.

Why storytime?

- Literacy development starts early in life and is highly correlated with school achievement.
- Reading and storytelling with your child promotes brain development and imagination, teaches your child about language and emotions, and strengthens your relationship.
- You don't always need to read books! Try looking at picture books, singing rhymes and songs, or telling stories from your culture.



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Storytime, STEAM, Craft, and Teen Packets developed by the Youth Services Department

Desert Storytime

Babies & Toddlers

Suggested Books:

"Hug Me" by Simona Ciralo

"Camel Caravan" by Bethany Roberts & Patricia Hubbell

"There Was a Coyote Who Swallowed a Flea" by Jennifer Ward

"Way Out in the Desert" by T. J. Marsh & Jennifer Ward

"The Sunhat" by Jennifer Ward

Rhyme: *"In the Desert"*

(Sung to *"Oh, My Darling Clementine"*- Teaching Heart)

In the desert, in the hot sun,

Grows a cactus big and tall!

It is green and it is spiny,

It's the best one of them all.

Lapsit: *"Look Around the Desert"*

Oh, Look around the desert, the desert, the desert

(Rock your child side to side)

Oh, look around the desert, now what do you see?

(Rock your child side to side)

Coyotes and lizards, and sand and cactus.

(Bounce child gently up and down)

Oh, look around the desert, do you see it too?

(Rock your child side to side)

Fingerplay: *Two Desert Tortoises*

(similar to *Two Little Blackbirds*)

Two desert tortoises walking at night. (Walk your fingers)

One turns left, the other turns right. (Move one hand to the left, the other to the right.)

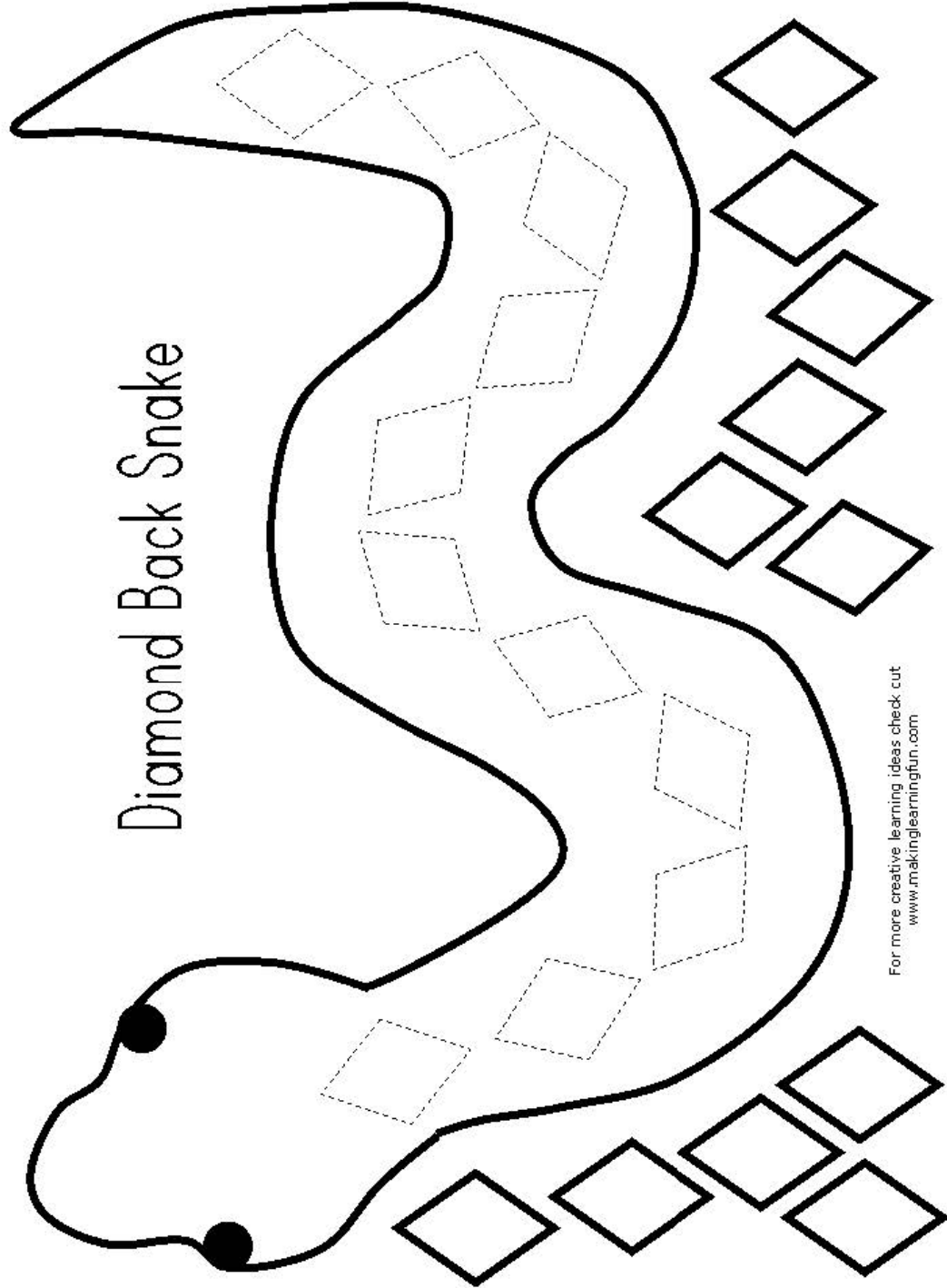
Come back tortoises, don't go away. (Make come here motion with finger)

Come back here, it's time to play. (Clap hands)

Rattlesnake Craft:

You will need: scissors, glue, crayons/markers

- Cut out each piece below and glue together. Be sure to color your rattlesnake in!



Preschool

Suggested Books:

"Day and Night in the Desert" by Caroline Arnold

"The Night Flower" by Lara Hawthorne

"Kings of the Deserts" by Lisa J. Amstutz

"Desert Song" by Tony Johnston

"The Three Little Javelinas" by Susan Lowell

"Nobody Hugs a Cactus" by Carter Goodrich

Action Rhyme: Alice the Camel (All Nursery Rhymes)

Alice the camel has five humps (Hold up 5 fingers)

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So go, Alice, go. (Run in place)

Boom, boom, boom. (Jump up and down)

(Repeat for four, three, two and one)

Alice the camel has no humps

Alice the camel has no humps

Alice the camel has no humps

Cause Alice is a horse of course!

Song: The Animals in the Desert

(Sung to the tune of *"The Wheels on the Bus"- Perpetual Preschool*)

The coyote in the desert howls at night

Howls at night, howls at night

The coyote in the desert howls at night

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The rattlesnake in the desert slithers and slides

Slithers and slides, slithers and slides

The rattlesnake in the desert slithers and slides,

Hiss, hiss, hiss

The kangaroo rat in the desert finds some seeds

Finds some seeds, finds some seeds

The kangaroo rat in the desert finds some seeds

Squeak, squeak, squeak

Flannel Board/Prop Story: Five Little Prairie Dogs

- Cut out the prairie dogs on the next page and use the rattlesnake from the baby/toddler activity to act out the story!

Five little prairie dogs peeking out to see,
Teasing Mr. Rattlesnake, you can't catch me.
No, you can't catch me,
Along came Mr. Rattlesnake, hissing quietly and....SNAP!

Now there are four little prairie dogs peeking out to see,
Teasing Mr. Rattlesnake, you can't catch me.
No, you can't catch me,
Along came Mr. Rattlesnake, hissing quietly and....SNAP!

Now there are three little prairie dogs peeking out to see,
Teasing Mr. Rattlesnake, you can't catch me.
No, you can't catch me,
Along came Mr. Rattlesnake, hissing quietly and....SNAP!

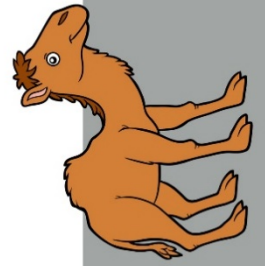
Now there are two little prairie dogs peeking out to see,
Teasing Mr. Rattlesnake, you can't catch me.
No, you can't catch me,
Along came Mr. Rattlesnake, hissing quietly and....SNAP!

Now there is one little prairie dog peeking out to see,
Teasing Mr. Rattlesnake, you can't catch me.
No, you can't catch me,
Along came Mr. Rattlesnake, hissing quietly and....SNAP!

Now there are no little prairie dogs peeking out to see,
Teasing Mr. Rattlesnake, you can't catch me.
No, you can't catch me,
Along came Mr. Rattlesnake, hissing quietly
Oh no, he's trying to get me!

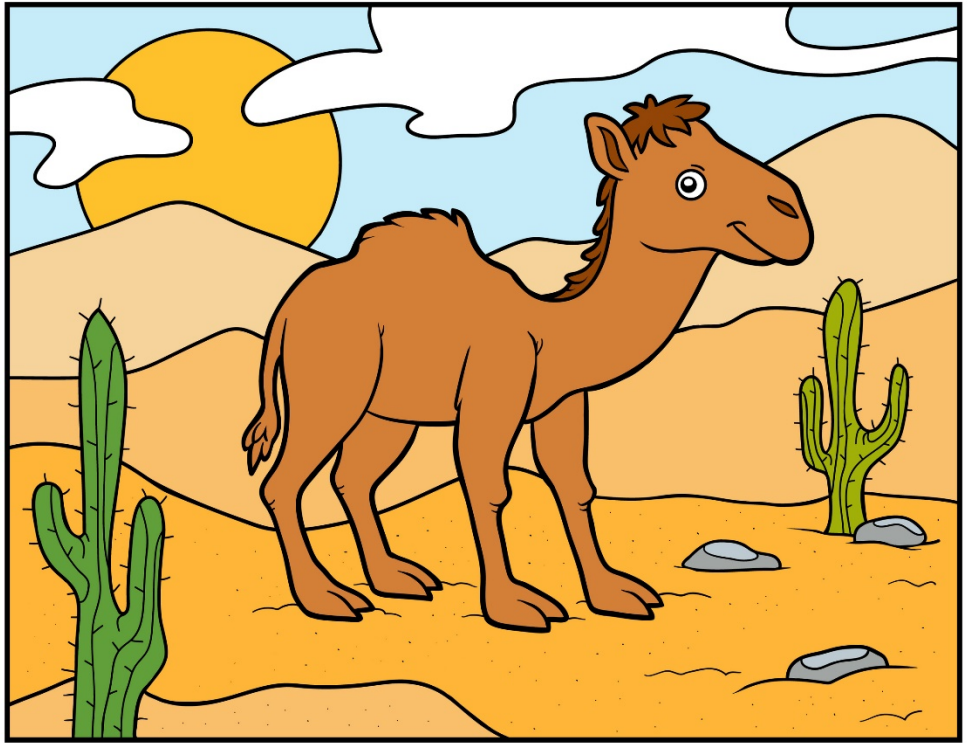
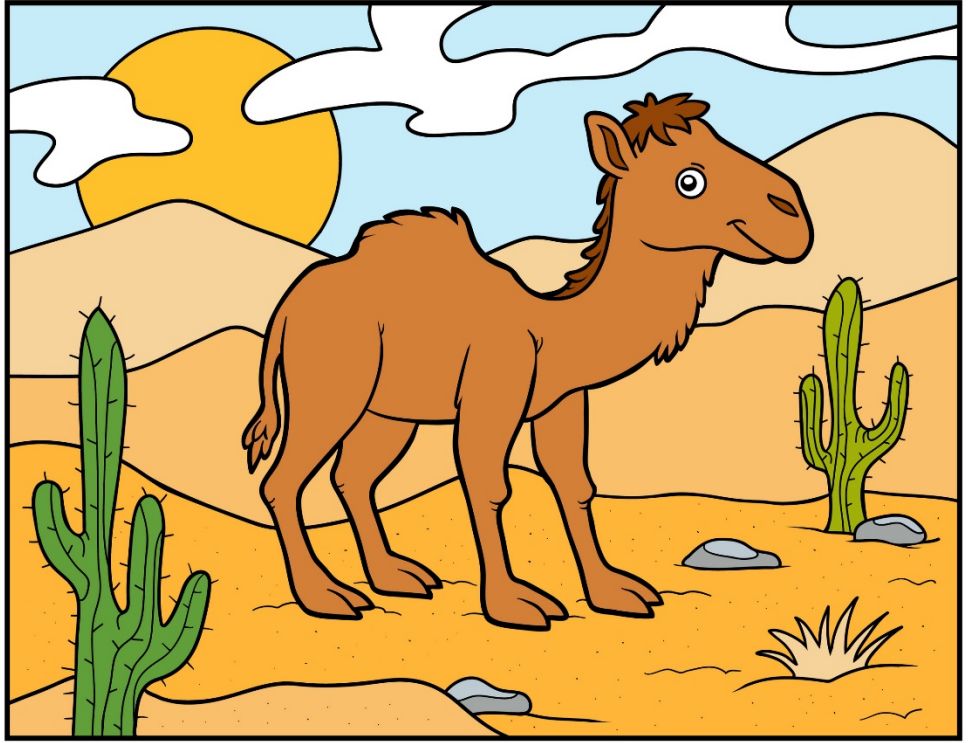
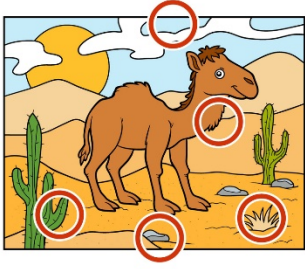


Camel Activity Sheets



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