



## Brevard County Libraries

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

In this week's Storytime Packet, our theme is an African Safari! Travel with us and discover some suggested reads, rhymes, fingerplays, and crafts centered around the animals of Africa.

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

# Safari Storytime

## Babies & Toddlers

### Suggested Books:

“Cheeky Monkey” (no author listed)

“Giraffes Can’t Dance” by Giles Andreae

“Hippopposites” by Janik Coat

“Meerkat Mail” by Bella Makatini

“The Big Five” by Emily Gravett

“Baby Animals” by Stephan Lomp

### Lapsit: “Peek-a-boo Rhyme” (from Story Time Diva)

(Sung to “Where is Thumbkin?”)

Where is baby? Where is baby? (cover baby’s eyes)

There you are! There you are! (uncover baby’s eyes)

I’m so glad to see you! I’m so glad to see you! (make eye contact and smile!)

Peek-a-boo! I love you!! (give baby a big hug)

(You can do this with baby’s stuffed toys; cover the animal’s eyes, or let baby cover them, and sing the peek-a-boo song. Use a stuffed monkey, elephant, giraffe, or zebra to reinforce the safari theme.)

### Lapsit song: “Itsy-Bitsy Monkey” (from Cape May County Library)

(Sung to “Itsy-Bitsy Spider”)

The itsy-bitsy monkey,

Climbed up the coconut tree. (climbing motion with hands)

Down came a coconut,

And hit him on his knee. (“coconut fist” - gently tap baby’s knee)

OWWWW!

Out came a lion,

Shakin’ his mighty mane. (shake head vigorously)

And the itsy-bitsy monkey,

Climbed up that tree again! (climbing motion with hands)

## Lapsit Rhyme: “This Little Hippo Went to Market”

(Based on “This Little Piggy went to Market”)

This little hippo went to market (squeeze big toe)

This little hippo stayed home (squeeze second toe)

This little hippo ate lettuce leaves (squeeze middle toe)

This little hippo ate none (squeeze fourth toe)

And this little hippo went tickle-tickle-tickle all way home! (squeeze pinky toe and run tickle fingers up baby’s leg)

(You can do this with baby’s stuffed toys; cover the animal’s eyes, or let baby cover them, and sing the peek-a-boo song. Use a stuffed monkey, elephant, giraffe, or zebra to reinforce the safari theme.)

**Activity:** Can you identify and color the cute animals? (from Get Coloring Pages)



**Activity:** "Z is for Zebra" (from The Teaching Aunt)

Color the zebra and the letter Z.

Trace the letters.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Copy the color.



Zz

Z is for zebra

# Preschool

## Suggested Books:

"Little Elephant Runs Away" by Wolfram Hanel

"Giraffe Trouble" by Jean Craighead George

"Starry Safari" by Linda Ashman

"African Animals ABC: An Alphabet Safari" by Sarah L. Schuett

"One Day on our Blue Planet...in the Savannah" by Ella Bailey

"Look! The Ultimate Spot the Difference Book" Illustrated by April Wood

"Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion" by Alex T. Smith

## Action Rhyme: "African Animals" (from Early Learning HQ)

Giraffes are tall, with necks so long (stretch arms above head, stand on tiptoes)

Elephants trunks are big and strong (bend forward, arms down, hands together, swaying side to side)

Zebras have stripes and can gallop away (gallop)

While monkeys in the trees do sway (move from tree to tree, hand over hand with swaying movements)

Old crocodile swims in the pool so deep (lie on stomach and make swimming motions)

Or lies in the sun and goes to sleep! (lie flat on stomach and close eyes and pretend to sleep)

## Action Song: "If You're an Elephant\* and You Know It!" (From Cape May County Library)

(Sung to the 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!

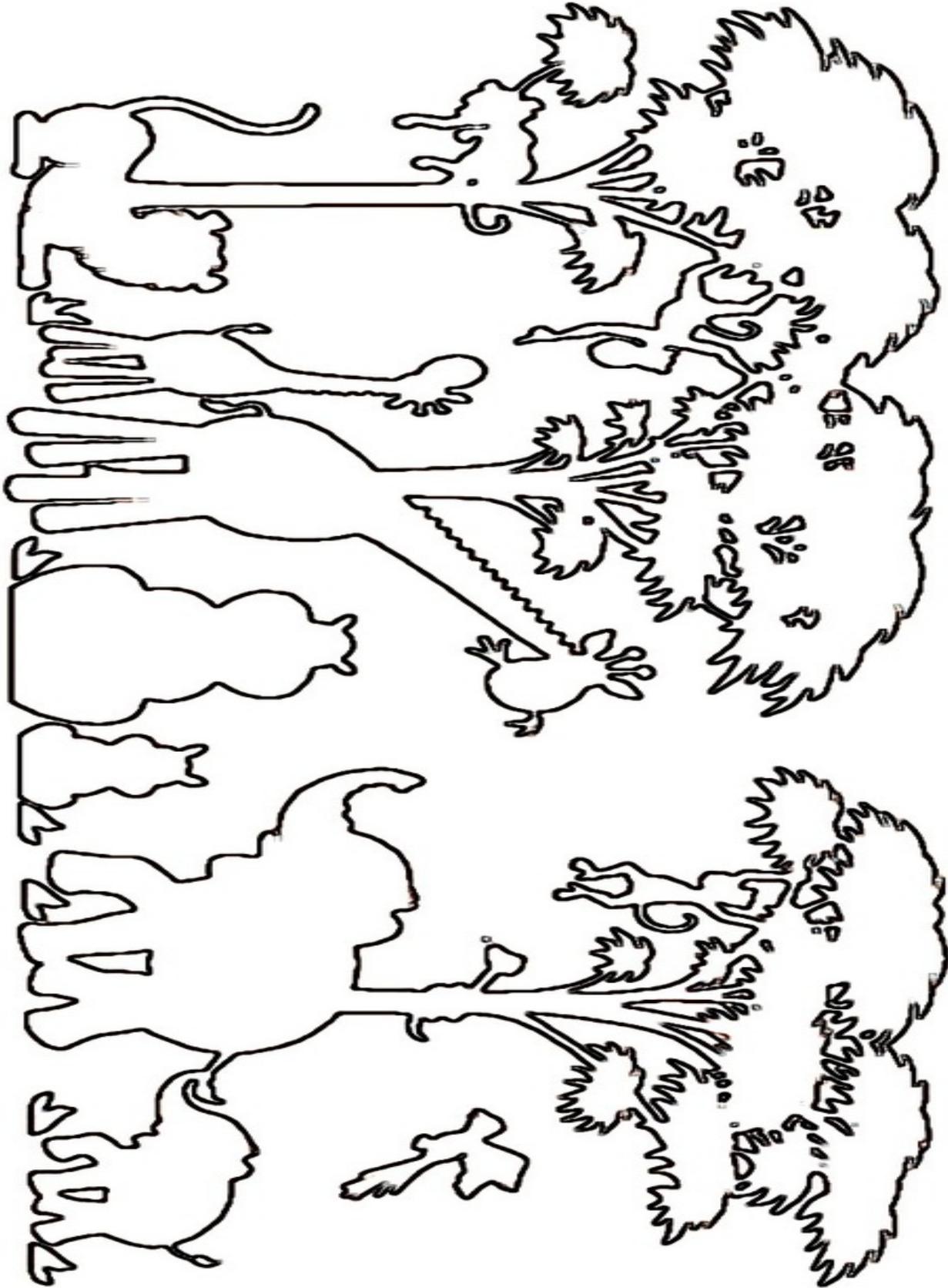
\*Monkey – jump up and down

\*Crocodile – snap your jaws (arms extended in front, "snap" up and down)

\*Lion – give a roar!

**Activity:** Safari Silhouette Coloring Page (from "Free Saw Patterns")

Color the animals and trees black or brown, and color the background of the picture orange or yellow, like a sunset! You now have a silhouette picture!



**Activity:** Lion Mask (from First Palette)

Color and cut out the lion face, then cut out eye holes, attach string and wear as a mask! Roar!

