

# Activities I Can Do at Home with My Toddler for



Learning Themes:  
**Zoo/Jungle/Trains**

Learning Concepts:  
Animal categories; tame compared to wild; colors, imitation of animal motions and sounds, and identification of animals and trains

These are not date-specific, so you can pick whatever works for your family. You may want to try them all or pick a few favorites to do more than once. The idea is to have fun.

1. **Sensory:** Jell-O Play: Make jello in a bowl or a shallow pan and add small toys they will have to take out. Do this activity at a table or in the highchair. Eat it after playing in it.
2. **Book:** [📖 Read Aloud: TOUCH AND FEEL WILD ANIMALS | Children Books | Touch and Feel Book | Story Time - YouTube](#)
3. **Fine Motor:** Have them pull the tape from the dispenser and stick it on a surface. Put some pieces of tape on the table or their tray and have them peel it off. You can use masking tape so they can see it better or scotch tape if it is on a colored background so they can see.
4. [Pat the Zoo! Read aloud by Addy for baby! - YouTube](#)
5. Song: If you're an animal and you know it. (See words below)
6. **Snack: Lion: Spread hummus on a big cracker. Put shredded cheese around outside for mane. Put two raisins on the face. ½ pretzel for a mouth**
7. Jungle Crawl: String party streamers under your kitchen table and through the chairs. Have them crawl through the jungle maze, trying not to break the streamers (Tearing streamers is an acceptable motor activity)
8. Build Zoo cages out of boxes, blocks, and cans and put stuffed animals or plastic animals inside.
9. Go on a safari hunt: Go outside and look around. Talk about what you see or hear.
- 10: Make a cage: Take a box and put a stuffed animal inside. Pull and stick the tape down the front of the open box making four strips 4 inches apart to make a cage
11. [Down in The Jungle @LooLoo Kids - Nursery Rhymes and Children's Songs - YouTube](#)
- 12: **Snack:** Animals in the cage: Spread peanut butter or cream cheese on a ¼ graham cracker rectangle. Put three pretzel sticks spaced out on a cracker. Put animal crackers in between pretzels.
13. Sensory: Put unpopcorned popcorn in a bin with animals and scoops.
14. Gross Motor: Let's go to the zoo; see the actions list and animals below
15. Make a jungle out of rocks, sticks, and plants
16. Go to the Zoo or watch animals online at a zoo site.
17. Sensory: Fill a box or container with different textures that we learned in Curious George Book; soft, shiny, rough, bumpy, leathery
18. **Snack:** Banana Popsicle: Put banana on the fork, dip in melted chocolate, and freeze on waxed paper in the freezer.

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19. Ball Play: Kick a Ball, Throw a ball, Roll a ball, Aim the ball at a target, Throw it in a basket

20. **Snack:** Mandarin Orange Tiger: Turn the mandarin orange cup upside down. Glue on two googly eyes. Draw a nose, mouth, and whiskers. Draw a few stripes (See picture below)

21. Build Zoo cages



22. Make animal tracks in play dough or with paint on paper.

23. Fingerplay: Five Little Monkey's Jumping on the Bed

24. Put items in the elephant's trunk (paper towel roll, tube). See Picture

25. Go to the library and pick out a zoo, jungle, or animal book

26. Book: [Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed \(Animated Book Read Aloud\) - YouTube](#)

27. String Cheerios or fruit loops on a pipe cleaner to make a snake or worm.

28. Gross Motor with Book & Song: [The Animal Boogie | Barefoot Books Singalong - YouTube](#); Do the animal actions and dance to the song.

29. **Snack:** Make a trail mix: sort snacks in a muffin tin

30. Book: [Curious George At The Zoo Book Read Aloud, Touch and Feel Book - YouTube](#)

31. Tape or attach an ace wrap to the floor making a line. Jump over the line, walk on

<b>Vocabulary:</b>	giraffe	elephant	monkey	lion	swim
	Zoo	cage	zookeeper	puppy	sticky
	frog	camel	polar bear	hippo	
	Flamingo (bird)	zebra	snake	leopard	
	peacock	walrus	open	tall	
	big	happy	hop	roar	
	snap	clap	laugh	waddle	

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**If You're an Animal and You Know It Sung to:** "If you're Happy and You Know It."

If you are an elephant and you know it, swing your trunk; swing swing

If you are an elephant and you know it, swing your trunk; swing swing

If you are an elephant and you know it, and you really want to show it

If you are an elephant and you know it, swing your trunk; swing swing

If you are a lion and you know it roar real loud; roar roar

If you are a koala and you know it climb the tree; climb climb

If you are a chameleon and you know it, stick out your tongue; agh agh (say while you are sticking out your tongue)

If you are a dolphin and you know it, splash the water; splash splash

## Let's go to the Zoo – An Action Song

*(Stomp like elephants.)*

Let's go to the zoo.  
And stomp like the elephants do.  
Let's go to the zoo.  
And stomp like the elephants do.

*(Jump like kangaroos.)*

Let's go to the zoo.  
And jump like the kangaroos do.  
Let's go to the zoo.  
And jump like the kangaroos do.

*(Swing like monkeys.)*

Let's go to the zoo.  
And swing like the monkeys do.  
Let's go to the zoo.  
And swing like the monkeys do.

*(Waddle like penguins.)*

Let's go to the zoo.  
And waddle like the penguins do.  
Let's go to the zoo.  
And waddle like the penguins do.



*(Slither like snakes.)*

Let's go to the zoo.  
And slither like the snakes do.  
Let's go to the zoo.  
And slither like the snakes do.

*(Swim like polar bears.)*

Let's go to the zoo.  
And swim like the polar bears do.  
Let's go to the zoo.  
And swim like the polar bears do.

Let's go to the zoo.  
And dance like the animals do.  
Let's go to the zoo.  
And dance like the animals do.

## Fingerplay: "Five Little Monkeys" Lyrics

Five little monkeys jumping on the bed,  
One fell down and bumped his head,  
Mama called the doctor, and the doctor said,  
No more monkeys jumping on the bed!

Four little monkeys jumping on the bed,  
One fell down and bumped his head,  
Mama called the doctor, and the doctor said,  
No more monkeys jumping on the bed!

Three little monkeys jumping on the bed,  
One fell down and bumped her head,  
Mama called the doctor, and the doctor said,  
No more monkeys jumping on the bed!

Two little monkeys jumping on the bed,  
One fell down and bumped his head,  
Mama called the doctor, and the doctor said,  
No more monkeys jumping on the bed!

One little monkey jumping on the bed,  
She fell down and bumped her head,  
Mama called the doctor, and the doctor said,  
Put those monkeys back to bed.