



## ***Wild About Us!* by Karen Beaumont**

### **Related Books:**

Over in the Jungle: A Rainforest Rhyme by Marianne Berkes

ABC ZooBorns! by Andrew Bleiman and Chris Eastland

Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Eric Carle

Very Noisy Jungle by Kathryn White

Who Has this Tail? by Laura Hurlburt

I Like Me! by Nancy Carlson

### **Songs, Poems, and Fingerplays**

#### ***Five Little Monkeys***

Five little monkeys jumping on the bed, [Hold up five fingers; jump up on word "jumping."]

One fell off and bumped his head. [Hold up one finger then tap head on word "bumped."]

Mama called the Doctor and the Doctor said, [Hold hand as if holding a phone to ear.]

"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!" [Shake finger as if scolding.]

[Continue with actions throughout the poem, adjusting for different numbers.]

Four little monkeys jumping on the bed,

One fell off and bumped her head.

Papa called the Doctor and the Doctor said,

"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"

Three little monkeys jumping on the bed,

One fell off and bumped his 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 off and bumped her head.  
Papa called the Doctor and the Doctor said,  
"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"

One little monkey jumping on the bed,  
He fell off and bumped his head.  
Mama called the Doctor and the Doctor said,  
"Put those monkeys straight to bed!"

### ***The Little Turtle***

There was a little turtle,  
He lived in a box  
He swam in a puddle,  
He climbed on the rocks.

He snapped at a mosquito,  
He snapped at a flea,  
He snapped at a minnow,  
And he snapped at me.

He caught the mosquito,  
He caught the flea,  
He caught the minnow,  
But he didn't catch ME!

### ***One Elephant Went Out to Play***

One elephant went out to play  
On a spider web one day.  
It was such enormous fun  
That he called for another elephant to come.

Two elephants went out to play  
On a spider web one day.  
It was such enormous fun  
That they called for another elephant to come.

For tune see YouTube video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4BjU5DJ5RM4>

### **Activities:**

#### ***Paper Plate Lions Craft***

There are many variations to this craft project. Here is an easy one:  
Materials for each child: paper plate, yellow and orange tempera paint, two googly eyes, brown markers or paint

Children paint the outer rim of a paper plate orange and the inside circular area yellow. After paint dries, the children cut the outer rim from the edge to the inner circle to form a fringe (the lion's mane). Googly eyes are added to the face along with a painted nose, mouth, and whiskers.

### ***Giraffe Craft Project***

This is another idea that can be adapted as needed.

Materials: Yellow construction paper, brown tempera paint, brown yarn or construction paper, two googly eyes, scissors, glue, tape, paintbrush

Using yellow construction paper, trace around a child's shoe; cut out. This will be the giraffe's head. Cut out a long yellow rectangle that will serve as a neck. Ears and giraffe horns can also be cut out of yellow construction paper. Assemble these pieces into the giraffe.

Cut short strips of brown construction paper or short pieces of brown yarn. Glue or tape these down the giraffe's neck for its mane.

Using brown tempera paint, children paint spots over the giraffe's head and neck. This can be done as fingerprints or with a paintbrush. These can be made with fingerprints or with a paintbrush. When dry, add two googly eyes to complete the giraffe.

See example at: <http://www.busybeekidscrafts.com/Giraffe-Collage.html>

### ***Animal Parade***

Children love to march! In this version of a march around the classroom (or outside), the children can march in the manner of the animals listed in the book:

Warthog: Use hands to create tusks on either side of face.

Crocodile: Hold arms straight out in front and open and shut them to create the crocodile's mouth.

Rhinoceros: Puff self up as a large-bodied rhino as the march continues.

Elephant: Hold one arm in front of face and swing as if it is a trunk.

Giraffe: Walk on tiptoes with neck stretched up.

Flamingo: Hold both arms towards back for wings and walk by slowly lifting legs and taking small steps.

Potbellied pig: Walk slowly with a waddling motion.

Tortoise: Move v-e-r-y slowly.

Porcupine: Walk while using pointer fingers to poke quickly back and forth (as if pushing a button).

Leopard: Walk with fingers extended as claws.

Hippo: Walk while wiggling body back and forth.

Monkey: Cup hands behind ears to create even bigger ears.

Kangaroo: Rather than walking, hop.