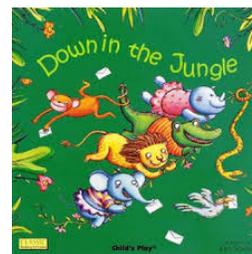




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presents:

Down in the Jungle by Child's Play



Down in the Jungle is a variation of the song by the same name. This version has colorful illustrations and cutouts to keep your child's attention.

Songs help children develop listening skills and pay attention to the rhythms and rhymes of spoken language. Most songs have a different note for each syllable. This helps children breakdown words so they hear individual sounds in a word. This is an important pre-reading skill. Singing also helps children learn new words and adds to their general knowledge.

Check the back cover of this book to find the tune for this song. If you are unsure of how it goes, make up a tune yourself. Your child will be glad to just hear your voice. Remember this should be a positive experience for you and your child. Have fun!

The **Movement Activity** is the actions you perform that go along with songs or rhymes. As your baby gets older he will enjoy participating in the movement activity with you. Movement activities help your child's memory and language skills. It aids in the development of gross motor skills and hand and eye coordination. Movement activities help stimulate your child's brain development by providing practice for the brain's responsiveness to repetitive, rhythmic input.

Work with your child to come up with movements to go with each of the animals you find down in the jungle. Scratch with the monkey. Comb your lion's main. Rattle with the snake. After each verse, boogie-woogie-woogie to the chorus.

More Cutout Books

The Wheels on The Bus by Child's Play

Ten Little Monkeys by Child's Play

Down in the Jungle by Child's Play

I am a Music Man by Child's Play

The Farmer in the Dell by Child's Play

This Old Man by Child's Play

Dry Bones by Child's Play

Cows in the Kitchen by Child's Play

Reading together remains the single most effective way to help children become proficient readers. Read to newborns. Hearing your voice stimulates an interest in sounds and helps develop listening skills. Reading together is a great opportunity for cuddling and bonding. By developing a regular reading routine, books will become a regular, fun part of your child's day.

As you read this story have your child turn the pages and feel the cutouts. This will get your child familiar with how books are handled and highlight the character of each verse. Don't forget to let your child examine the pictures and talk about what he or she sees. Can you and your child spot the clues of who is hiding in the jungle?



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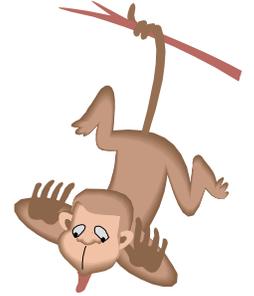
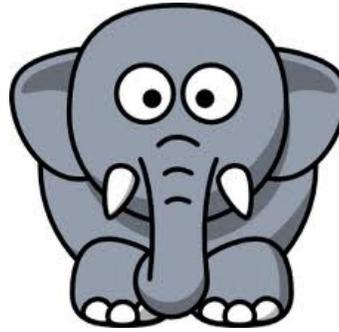
More Jungle Rhymes and Jokes

I'm a Little Monkey

(Tune: I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a little monkey in the tree
Swinging by my tail so merrily
I can leap and fly from tree to tree
have lots of fun you see.

I'm a little monkey, watch me play,
Munching on bananas every day
Lots of monkey friends to play with me
We have fun up in the tree



Why are elephants wrinkled?

Have you ever tried to iron one?

What do you get if you cross a fish with an elephant?

Swimming trunks!

What do you call a gorilla wearing ear-muffs?

Anything you like! He can't hear you.

Jungle Animal Fingerplay

This is the way the elephant goes (clasp hands together, extend arms, move back and forth)

With a curly trunk instead of a nose

The rhino, all hairy and fat,

Has a sharp horn in place of a hat (put hand together and over your nose to make a horn)

The hippo with his mouth so wide. Let's see what's inside. (hands together and open wide and close them)

The wiggly snake upon the ground crawls along without a sound (weave hands back and forth)

But monkey see, monkey do is the funniest animal I ever knew! (place thumbs in ears and wiggle fingers)



The animals in the jungle

(sung to The wheels on the bus)

The monkeys in the jungle say ooh, ooh, aah, ooh, ooh, aah, ooh, ooh, aah,
The monkeys in the jungle say ooh, ooh, aah, all day long.

continue with parrots say squawk tigers say grrr ...



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