



MISSOURI BUILDING BLOCK PICTURE BOOK AWARD

There's a Giraffe in My Soup
By Ross Burach

Related Books:

Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell

Eating the Alphabet by Lois Ehlert

Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae; illustrated by Guy Parker-Rees

My Heart is Like a Zoo by Michael Hall

Good Night, Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann

Dragons Love Tacos by Adam Rubin; illustrated by Daniel Salmieri

Secret Pizza Party by Adam Rubin; illustrated by Daniel Salmieri

Sick Day for Amos McGee by Philip C. Stead; illustrated by Erin E. Stead

Is That Wise, Pig? by Jan Thomas

Duck Soup by Jackie Urbanovic

Songs:

"The Animals at the Zoo "

"*The Wheels on the Bus*"

The lions at the zoo go

Roar, roar, roar!

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All day long

(additional verses)

Snakes - Hiss, hiss, hiss

Hyenas - Ha, ha, ha!

Monkeys - Ooh, ooh, ooh!



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Rhymes:

“Giraffe and the Tall, Tall Tree”

Way up high in the tall, tall tree
(reach both hands above head wiggle fingers)
Three little leaves looked down at me!
(hold up three fingers)
I stretched my neck as far as I could!
(hold head high like a giraffe’s long neck)
I stretched out my tongue...
(stick out tongue)
Slurp!
(slurp tongue in)
Mmmm they were good!
(rub tummy)

“The Yellow Giraffe”

The yellow giraffe is as tall as can be!
(stand and reach up high)
His lunch is a bunch of leaves off a tree!
(hands pretend to grab leaves)
He has a very long neck
(point to neck)
And his legs are long, too!
(point to legs)
And he can run faster
Than his friends in the zoo!
(run in place)
(Repeat with 4, 3, 2, 1 little monkey(s))

Activities:

Tangram Animals – Use tangram or shapes cut out of paper to make animals out of the shapes. Get free printable tangram puzzles at tangram-channel.com or visit abcya.com/tangrams.htm to play with digital tangrams.

Animal Water Play – Fill a large tub, water table, or kiddie pool with water and toss in a few drops of soap or bubble bath. Now set out wash clothes, scrub brushes and sponges for your little cleaners to use. Toss in your favorite water-friendly animal toys and you are all set for washday at the zoo! Now, scrub-a-dub-dub all your animals clean and don’t forget to dry everyone off after their bath!

Snake Paper Chains – turn an everyday paper chain activity into a zoo-rific adventure. Make green chains and add a slithery tongue to make a snake. Try grey chains to make elephant trunks or brown ones to make monkey tails for little ones to wear around and play.