MISSOURI BUILDING BLOCK
PICTURE BOOK AWARD

_Crocodiles Need Kisses Too_
By Rebecca Colby
Illustrated by Penelope Dullaghan

Related Books:

_Snuggle Puppy_ by Sanda Boynton
_The Rabbit Listened_ by Cori Doerrfeld
_The Unbudgeable Curmudgeon_ by Matthew Burgess
_The Runaway Bunny_ by Margaret Wise Brown, Illustrated by Clement Hurd
_I’m Trying to Love Spiders_ by Bethany Barton
_How do Dinosaurs Say I Love You?_ by Jane Yolen
_Alan’s Big, Scary Teeth_ by Jarvis
_Betty Goes Bananas_ by Steve Antony
_Hugless Douglas_ by David Melling
_How Do You Hug a Porcupine_ by Laurie Isop

Rhymes:

“Crocodile, Crocodile”
Crocodile, crocodile, long and green (hold out arm, 4 fingers, thumb below)
Crocodile, crocodile, teeth so mean (open and close fingers and thumb)
Snapping at a fly, Snapping at a bee (snap with fingers and thumb)
But you can’t catch me! (keep snapping, then shake head)

“The Crocodile”
The crocodile snaps his jaws (put hands together)
Snap, snap, snap (open and shut them)
The crocodile smacks his tail (put hands on thighs)
Smack, smack, smack (tap thighs)
The crocodile craws away (slither hands away from the body)
Tap, tap, tap (stomp feet or gently clap)

Songs:

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“Skinnamarink”

Skinnamarinky, dinky, dink
Skinnamarinky, doo, I love you!
Skinnamarinky, dinky, dink
Skinnamarinky, doo, I love you!
I love you in the morning and in the afternoon
I love you in the evening, and underneath the moon.
Oh, skinnamarinky, dinky, dink
Skinnamarinky, doo, I love you!

“If You Are Happy and You Know It”

If you are happy and you know it, clap your hands
If you are happy and you know it, clap your hands
If you are happy and you know it, then your face will surely show it
If you are happy and you know it, clap your hands

Repeat with different emotions and actions

Activities:

Clothespin Crocs – color a wooden clothespin with a green marker or crayon. Cut a piece of green paper twice the width of the clothespin, and a little longer. Fold the paper in half longways, and cut triangles along one side, like spikes. Glue the non-cut side to the top of your clothespin, and add googly eyes to the end. For older kids, paint the clothespins then bend a green pipe cleaner into a zigzag shape and glue to the top for the spikes.

Mail-a-hug – have children trace and decorate their handprints, then cut out. Use a piece of string to measure the child’s ‘wingspan’ from wrist to wrist, and cut the string to this length. Glue to tape each end of the string to one handprint. Mail the completed project to a loved one, with a note explaining they have received a hug in the mail. You can also add a heart in the middle of the string.

Cardboard Crocodiles – Visit http://www.penelopefullaghans.com/cardboard-crocodile (the website of the illustrator) and download the crocodile template. Cut out the three pieces, and trace them onto cardboard (or card stock). Color your pieces, and cut them out. Assemble with the smaller pieces supporting the larger body so the crocodile stands.