

African Tales

Going to Africa

(tune: "Skip to My Lou")

Come along children, we're going to Africa,
Come along children, we're going to Africa,
Come along children, we're going to Africa,
Going to Africa today!

-j 027.62 Davis / Davis, Robin
-Toddle On Over



Here Comes the Elephant

Here comes the elephant,
Crash, crash, crash. *(stomp feet)*

Here comes the cheetah,
Dash, dash, dash. *(run quickly in place)*

Here comes the monkey,
Swing, swing, swing. *(arms over head)*

Here comes the lion,
He's the king. ROAR! *(walk proudly and roar)*

--j 027.62 Totten / Totten, Kathryn
-Storytime Crafts



LION

The Gorilla

This is the way the gorilla walks.
(crouch down, let arms hang long)

This is the way the gorilla eats. *(chew leaves)*

This is the way the gorilla talks.

Ooh, ooh, ooh!

This is the way the gorilla sleeps.

(head on hands, and snore loudly)

--j 027.62 Totten / Totten, Kathryn
-Storytime Crafts

Elephant

(tune: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

Go, go go so slow,
Make a thunder sound!
See his trunk so long and thick,
The elephant's in town!

-j 027.62 Davis / Davis, Robin
-Toddle On Over

Giraffe

The giraffe is as tall as tall can be.

(stretch arms up)

He eats the leaves right off the trees.

(hold hand over head and open and close hand like a mouth)

His neck is long and his legs are, too.

(point to neck and legs)

And he can run faster than me or you.

(run in place)

-j 027.62 Davis / Davis, Robin

-*Toddle On Over*

African Animals

(tune: If You're Happy and You Know It)

If you want to be a monkey,

jump up high. *(jump)*

If you want to be a monkey,

jump up high.

If you want to be a monkey,

If you want to be a monkey,

If you want to be monkey,

jump up high.

[Repeat with]

elephant...swing your trunk

lion...roar out loud

giraffe...stand up tall.

--j027.62 Nichols, / Nichols, Judy

-*Storytime for Two-Year-Olds*

Five Little Monkeys

Five little monkeys swinging in a tree.

(hold up five fingers)

Teasing Mr. Crocodile, "You can't catch me!"

(wag finger)

Along comes Mr. Crocodile quiet as can be,

(place palms together to indicate jaws, make wavy motion)

And, SNAP! *(snap palms together)*

Four little monkeys swinging in a tree

(hold up four fingers)

(repeat with 2,3, and 1)

SNAP! Ha, ha, you missed me!

-j 207.62 Briggs / Briggs, Diane

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Family Reading Aloud Time

Deep in the Jungle by Dan Yaccarino

Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed

by Eileen Christelow

The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry

The Mightiest by Keiko Kasza

One Monkey Too Many by Jackie Koller

We're Going on a Lion Hunt by David Axtell

Spanish Words of the Week

elephant elefante

jungle jungle

monkey mono

Note to parents and caregivers :
Talk with your child about storytime and repeat these activities at home. Fingerplays, simple songs, and movement play prepare young children for reading. It is also a wonderful way to spend time with your growing child. Put these sheets in a notebook for a rainy day activity.