

Animal fun

OBJECTIVE: A fun night.

5 minutes

Opening: Hop, flag break and welcome

5 minutes

Game: To the ark

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Label the corners of the hall as *people*, *birds*, *fish* and *animals*. Draw a chalk 'ark' in the centre and start with all the Joeys safely in the 'ark'. When a Leader calls out the name of a corner the Joeys all move to that corner doing the appropriate action. *People* run, while *animals* go on all fours, *birds* fly and *fish* make swimming movements. When the Leader shouts *Flood* everyone runs to the shelter of the ark. This game gets quite fast and uses up lots of energy. There are no winners or losers because everyone stays in.

10 minutes

Activity: Paper animals

Give each Joey a sheet of newspaper and ask them to tear and fold it into an animal shape. Then display them. Each Joey tells what they made and why.

10 minutes

Game: Cat and mouse

Stand the Joeys in a circle, with one in the middle (the mouse) and one on the outside (the cat). The cat tries to catch the mouse by running in and out of the circle. The circle helps the mouse, but not the cat, by holding hands to stop the cat getting through. Change the cat and mouse often.

5 minutes

Story

Read a story with an animal theme.

5 minutes

Game: Snake

Have all the Joeys and Leaders form a snake chain and make it weave around all parts of the hall.

15 minutes

Action songs

Sing the songs reproduced on a separate sheet.

5 minutes

Closing: Hop, and lower the flag

Prayer

Thank you for all the animals that we have in our world and help us to know how to look after them better.

Amen.

Farewell and any notices

RESOURCES

You will need sheets of newspaper and the words of the songs.

Songs

(All traditional)

Three little monkeys

(Fingerplay)

Three little monkeys jumping on the bed,
(tap three fingers on the palm of other hand)
 one fell off and bumped his head.
(one finger falls off, then hold head)
 Mama called the doctor and the doctor said:
(hold phone by ear, dial in air)
 “No more little monkeys jumping on that bed.”
(shake finger)

Suggestion: Repeat with
 ‘Two little monkeys . . .
 One little monkey . . .’

Two little blackbirds

(Fingerplay)

Two little blackbirds sitting on a hill,
(pointer [index] fingers up)
 one named Jack
(one hand forward)
 and one named Jill.
(other hand forward)
 Fly away, Jack.
(one hand behind back)
 Fly away, Jill.
(other hand behind back)
 Come back, Jack.
(return one hand)
 Come back, Jill.
(return other hand)

Knock, Knock

(Fingerplay)

Knock, knock,
(knock on child’s forehead)
 peek in,
(open child’s eye)
 Open the latch,
(push up tip of child’s nose)
 And walk right in.
(walk fingers into child’s mouth)
 How do you do Mr Chin, Chin, Chin?
(wiggle chin)

Little green frog

“Gung, gung”, went the little green frog one day.
 “Gung, gung”, went the little green frog.
 “Gung, gung”, went the little green frog one day,
 and his eyes *(fingers around eyes)* went “aah, aah, gung”. *(stick out tongue)*