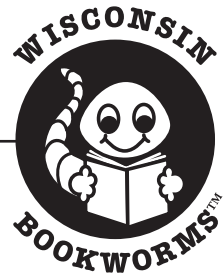


Activity Sheet



"Giraffes Can't Dance"

by Giles Andreae, illustrated by Guy Parker-Rees

Stamp your feet and swing your arms; it's time for the Jungle Dance and Gerald the giraffe loves to dance, but his legs are too skinny and his neck is too long. He doesn't know what to do until he learns to sway to his own tune.

Before you read this book: Talk about the different kinds of animals found in this story. Ask who is big, who is small, tall, short? Talk about how some animals can swim fast, some can run fast, and some can climb a tree.

While you read this book: Point to the various animals. See if your kids can make the sounds of the animals in the jungle. Can they roar like a lion or growl like a bear?

After you read this book: Play music from the book — Latin, Scottish Reel, Tango, Waltz, etc. — and encourage your children to move and dance to the different rhythms and sounds.

At home: Play animal "Follow the Leader." Move like animals around your house or yard.

Check out these other great books:

"A Giraffe and a Half" by Shel Silverstein

"A Giraffe on the Moon" by Sandy Nightingale

Other Books by Giles Andreae

"Commotion in the Ocean"

"Cock-a-Doodle-Do! Barnyard Hullabaloo"

"The Lion Who Wanted to Love"

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