



Book Activity Sheet

We All Went on Safari

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A group of Maasai children takes readers on a trek across the grasslands of Tanzania in a counting book that also serves as an introduction to this culture.

Things to Talk About:

Alike and Different: The children in the story may look and act very different than the children your own child sees around and about the neighborhood. Ask your child to tell you how he or she is similar to the children in the story and how he or she is different than the children. Comparing and contrasting are skills that will serve your child well during his or her school years.

Activities to Do:

Maasai are best known for their beautiful beadwork which plays an essential element in the ornamentation of the body. Beading patterns are determined by each age-set and identify grades.

Source: <http://www.uiowa.edu/~africart/toc/people/Maasai.html>

1. Rolled Paper Beads

Use for bracelets or necklaces. Boys will also wear them.

You Will Need:

Materials:

- Colored pages from magazines
- Pencil
- White glue
- String
- Scissors

What to Do:

Cut triangle shapes from the magazine pages: small triangles for small bead, larger triangles for larger beads. Make several sizes to make your necklace interesting.

Roll the paper triangle over a pencil with the wide end down first. As the point rolls up over the broad side of the paper, rub a little glue under the pointed end. Roll tight. Hold it firmly for a few seconds till it dries, and then slide the bead off the pencil.

Make a pile of beads and string into a necklace using yarn, or dental floss.

2. Lion Face

You Will Need:

Materials:

- 1 large paper plate per child
- yellow, orange, and brown yarn pre-cut into 2 inch long strips
- glue
- markers
- crayons

What to Do: To make a simple lion, have each child use a large paper plate for the lion's head. Provide lots of brown, yellow, and orange yarn that has been pre-cut into 2 inch strips. Your child can color the lion's face using crayons and markers, and then he or she can glue the yarn all around the edge to make a furry lion face.

Source: <http://www.perpetualpreschool.com>



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