

**Materials needed at home:**

- Paper plate (or stick paper/cardboard) cut in a large “O”- circle with the middle cut out
- Glue, black marker
- Orange and yellow strips for the Lion Mask, 1 ½ inches wide x 8 inches long, about 8 each color
- Precut strips (orange, green, yellow all work) 1 x 8 inches to make a paper chair
- Stuffed zoo friends- gather as many as you can

**Introductions**—Welcome song, today's plan- Shapes

**Story/Fine Motor**

- **Songs with movement (gross motor):** Five Little Monkeys
- **Book:** Goodnight Gorilla
- **Tip-toe Gorilla Walk**
- **Fine motor:**
  - Lion Mask (glue, , strips of yellow and orange paper about 1 ½ inches wide x 8 inches long, paper plate or heavy paper/cardboard cut into a large circle with the center cut out to make a large “O”)

**Gross motor:** Move Like an Animal (no supplies)

**Fine Motor/Sensory Activity:** Playdough snakes-

- need playdough (there are lots of recipes if you want to make some)

**Gross Motor Activity:** Zoo Games Elephant Peanut Push

- Use painter's tape as a “finish line”, a pool noodle or something your child can use to “push” the peanut. If you happen to have a peanut, great, otherwise anything else small works.

**Fine Motor Activity:** Paper Chain Snake

- Parents: precut strips of paper 1 inch wide x 8 inches long, marker to make eyes and nose

**Gross motor:** Zoo Animal Hunt

- gather as many stuffed “zoo” friends as you can

**Goodbye song** (tune of Baa Baa Black Sheep), review take-home

### Parent Take Home

Looking for more ways to build gross & fine motor skills? Check these out!

1. **Monkey cookies:** These are so cute, I couldn't resist. Credit to Erin of Little Loves Learning (<https://littleslovelearning.com/dear-zoo-activities/>). Gather up those cookie supplies- build then eat!



2. **Limbo:** What a fun way to get moving. Use any long pole (a pool noodle works great), add some leaves to stick with the zoo/jungle theme. Play the limbo song and let the fun begin!



3. **Jungle Rainsticks:** Have any paper towel tubes laying around? Fill them with rice or beans, duck tape the ends securely and start decorating.

4. **Zoo Yoga Poses!** Check out PinkOatmeal.com for more pictures and even free printables for Zoo Yogo Poses. Try Downward Dog, Flamingo, Lion's Breath, Elephant, and more!

