Getting Started

Animals | 45029 | Ages 2-6 | For 2-4 children

This activity card will help you introduce the Animals set to your preschoolers. The activities are designed to familiarize children with the set. After completing these activities, you can create more fun learning experiences by combining the Animals set with other early learning solutions from LEGO® Education.

1. Animal songs or stories

Ask each child to pick an animal. Ask whether they have a favorite song or story about the animal they chose. If they do, encourage them to share it with the class. If not, encourage them to create a story or song about their favorite animal.

2. Categorize the animals

Ask the children group the animal according to different characteristics, like:

- Number of legs
- Color
- Habitat (use the building cards to describe different habitats)
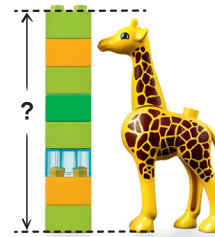- What they eat (i.e., carnivore, herbivore, omnivore)

3. Taking good care of the animals around us

Start a discussion about how to take care of animals at home or in the classroom (i.e., pets) or animals outside the classroom (i.e., animals in the wild). Encourage them to role play or tell their stories about how to take care of the animals.

4. Measuring height

Arrange at least five animals in a line, from the tallest to the shortest. Try to use 2*2 bricks to measure the height of each animal. Ask the children why some animals are taller or bigger than others. Draw a connection to how an animal's size is linked to its habitat.

5. Guess which animal

Ask one child to describe a particular animal (e.g., color, size, diet, habitat), while the rest of the children have to guess the animal based on their classmate's description.

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Learning Objectives

Children will:

- Categorize materials according to one or two attributes
- Develop vocabulary and communication competency
- Use non-standard units of measure to understand the concept of measurement
- Be able to use stories or songs to express themselves creatively

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