

How about planning a family game night once a month to play games that tie into the monthly studies?

ANIMAL GUESSING GAME

Game: Serengeti Who Am I

Write the names of Serengeti animals (like lion, giraffe, hyena, elephant, and cheetah) on sticky notes, one for each player. Without looking, each player sticks a note on their forehead so everyone else can see the animal. Players take turns asking yes-or-no questions to guess their animal, or the other players can act out the animal's behavior silently. The goal is to guess which animal is on your forehead based on the clues or actions. Keep playing until everyone has guessed their animal!

ELEPHANTS - GIANTS WITH A MEMORY

Game: Elephant Relay

Set up a relay course in the living room or backyard with obstacles (pillows, chairs, or cones). Players take turns being the "elephant," holding a soft toy in their "trunk" (their arm). The challenge is to navigate the course without dropping the toy. For an extra twist, each player has to remember an order of colors or objects placed along the course, testing their memory just like an elephant!

LIONS - KING OF THE BEASTS

Game: What Time is It Lion?

One player is the "lion," standing at one end of the room or yard with their back turned to the rest of the players (the "prey"). The prey asks in unison, "What time is it, Lion?" The lion responds with a time (e.g., "It's 3 o'clock"), and the prey must take that many steps forward.

At any moment, instead of answering with a time, the lion can roar "Dinner time!" and turn around to chase the prey. The goal for the prey is to run back to the starting point without being tagged. If a player is tagged, they become the next lion.

HYENAS - SCAVENGER LIFE

Game: Hyena Hunt

Hide small items ("bones" or treasures) around the room or yard. Players take turns being the hyena, searching for as many "bones" as possible within a set time. The player who finds the most bones wins. Add some fun by having the hyenas laugh loudly as they search, just like real hyenas in the wild.

ZEBRAS - SAFETY IN NUMBERS

Game: Zebra Tag

In this game, one player is the predator, and the rest are zebras. The zebras can only move by linking arms in pairs or small groups, mimicking how zebras stick together for safety. The predator tries to tag as many zebras as possible, and each tagged zebra becomes a predator too, adding more challenge!

HIPPOS - MASTERS OF THE WATER

Game: Bobbing for Apples, Hippo Style

Fill a large container or bucket with water and place floating objects like apples (or other safe-to-use floating fruits or toys) inside. Players take turns bobbing for the floating objects, using only their mouths to grab them—just like a hippo opening wide! Set a timer for 30 seconds, and the player who retrieves the most objects wins.

BABOONS - MISCHIEVOUS AND CURIOUS

Game: Baboon Balance Challenge

Using a wooden spoon and a small object (like a ball or egg), players race to carry the object from one side of the room to the other without dropping it. For added fun, have the players hop on one leg, mimicking the curious and mischievous movements of baboons.

CHEETAHS - FASTEST ON LAND

Game: Cheetah Sprint

Use masking tape or cones to create a short running track. Each player takes a turn sprinting as fast as they can, timing their run with a stopwatch. Add extra fun by making each round a race between family members. Just like a cheetah's hunt, speed is key – but only for short bursts!