



# MONKEYS



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# Disney's ANIMAL WORLD

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### Objectives

The student in grades K-2 will:

- Become familiar with the physical characteristics of monkeys
- Learn how monkeys adapt to their environment
- Be introduced to the behavior of monkeys and their offspring

### Synopsis

Through live-action footage, students observe wild monkeys in Africa and South America. Clips from Disney animated films such as *Tarzan* further illustrate key facts about these playful primates. Students learn about male and female roles in monkey communities, and how baby monkeys acquire the skills they will need as adults. Students discover that, like people, monkeys spend time with friends and family members, take good care of their infants, and show off for rivals. Two short, fun quizzes help students focus on what they've learned.

### Preview Questions

1. In what parts of the world do monkeys live? What do they eat? What special body parts help them swing from tree to tree?
2. Do monkeys live alone or in family groups? How are male and female monkeys different from each other? How do monkeys take care of their babies?

### Suggested Activities

1. This episode of *Disney's Animal World* reveals that monkey facial expressions seem to show emotions just like those of humans. Help students find and cut out photos of monkey faces from children's nature magazines such as *Ranger Rick*. Then have them cut out magazine photos of human faces that express a variety of emotions. Students can match monkey and human faces that seem to be expressing joy, sorrow, contentment, boredom, and other feelings.
2. Read students a picture book on monkeys. Then ask them to point out parts of the book that remind them of monkey facts they learned from *Disney's Animal World*.

### Suggested Fiction

- *Caps for Sale: A Tale of a Peddler, Some Monkeys, and Their Monkey Business* by Esphyr Slobodkina (HarperCollins, 1987)
- *Curious George* books by H. A. Rey (Houghton Mifflin, various dates)
- *Monkey Business* by David Martin (Candlewick Press, 2000)

### Suggested Nonfiction

- *Monkeys* by Deborah F. Dennard (Creative Publications International, 2003)
- *Snow Monkeys* by Mae Woods (ABDO Publishing, 1998)



Subject:  
Science

Running Time:  
15 minutes

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3. Help students complete a chart such as the one below that tells how the special physical characteristics of monkeys help them survive.

Special parts of a monkey's body	How they help monkeys survive
long tails with pads on the end	help them hang on to tree branches
big, stretchy cheeks	help them store food while they are searching for more—keep their hands free for swinging and climbing
back legs	help them stand up so they can see enemies
tail	helps them balance when they are standing up

4. This episode of *Disney's Animal World* points out many similarities between monkeys and people. Provide students with the following sentence frame: Monkeys and people both \_\_\_\_\_. Have them write or dictate words to complete sentences such as "Monkeys and people both use their hands to put food in their mouths." Invite students to illustrate their sentences.
5. Have students recall that there are many different kinds of monkeys. Help them do Internet research to find out more about some of the following:

MONKEY SPECIES			
mandrills	spider monkeys	tamarins	squirrel monkeys
baboons	howler monkeys	marmosets	macaques

### On the DVD

#### Scene Selection

The program on this DVD is divided into 5 chapters. This allows the user to enter at different points in the program.

- Chapter 1: Up in the Trees
- Chapter 2: Quiz Time 1
- Chapter 3: Monkey Business
- Chapter 4: Quiz Time 2
- Chapter 5: Moody Monkeys

### DVD Activities

These classroom activities, found on the DVD, include relevant short scenes from the program.

#### Up in a Tree

Why do monkeys like to live in trees? What do they do up there? Why do monkeys sometimes come down to the ground? Make a list of what makes monkeys so well suited to living in trees.

#### Lunch Time

Monkeys eat leaves, flowers, nuts, berries and insects. Use the library or Internet to find out what else monkeys eat. Compare and contrast a monkey's diet to your own.



## Additional Resources

### Disney Educational Productions

<http://www.Edustation.Disney.com>

This award-winning site contains additional activities and resources for use with this DVD.

### Wikipedia: Monkeys

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monkeys>

This site contains, facts, photos and maps.

### Family Fun

<http://jas.familyfun.go.com/arts-and-crafts?page=CraftDisplay&craftid=10786>

Instructions on how to make a monkey chain.

### Free Kids Crafts

[www.freekidcrafts.com/5\\_little\\_monkeys.html](http://www.freekidcrafts.com/5_little_monkeys.html)

Projects and games.

