





Mother and Young Chimpanzees Activity

Infant chimpanzees move about the forest on their mother's chest. When they are strong enough young chimpanzees must learn to balance themselves on their mother's backs and eventually to ride about on her back jockey style as this activity demonstrates.

Materials needed:

- 1. Drawing of a Mother Chimpanzee and a separate drawing of the young chimpanzees.
- 2. (Must be photocopied on card stock in order to provide support and sturdiness)
- 3. Child-safe Scissors
- 4. Crayons or color pencils
- 5. Elmer's school glue or non-toxic glue
- 6. Decoration supplies in order to create the mother chimpanzee's natural environment such as pom poms or foam pieces to serve as shrubby, leaves and bushes.
- 7. Clear scotch or magic tape



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Additional materials and work prior to starting activity:

You can use materials you find in your own natural environment to help create the chimpanzee's natural environment. You can go outside or to a park and gather leaves, twigs, branches and small stones. Glue them to the surface of your activity.

Steps to create activity

- 1. Photocopy the drawings of both the mother and young chimpanzees in your color of choice card stock.
- 2. Cut out the drawing of both the mother and young chimpanzees.
- 3. Color and decorate the chimpanzees using crayons or color pencils.
- 4. Fold the drawing of the Mother Chimpanzee in half along the top of the head.
 - a. Fold the drawing of the young chimpanzee in half along the top of the head.
- 5. A single slit should be cut along the spine of the Mother Chimpanzee from the shoulder to the front of the leg only.
- 6. Insert the two arrows at the bottom of the young chimpanzee into the slit on the top of the spine of the Mother Chimpanzee. Then tape or glue the insides of the arrows to the inside of the Mother Chimpanzee body. Be certain to have the mother and baby face the same direction.
- 7. Create a natural environment for the Mother and the young chimpanzees. Glue or tape the mother's legs to an 8.5" by 11" flat piece of card stock. Create an environment for the chimpanzees by gluing pom poms, foam pieces, twigs, small branches and pebbles onto the surface.



Young Chimpanzee Children Cut out drawings of the chimpanzees along the dotted lines.

