

Let's Talk About **Good Night Gorilla**

Good Night Gorilla



is a humorous story about a gorilla who steals zoo keepers keys and follows him home to



Good Night Gorilla does not have many written words. As you and your child look through this book, add to the story by talking about what's happening in the pictures too.

With your child, look for the mouse that is dragging a banana on every page. Can your child find another thing that is on most pages?



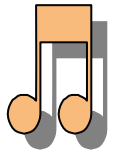
Let's Play With Rhymes

Starlight, Starbright

Starlight, starbright,
First star I see tonight,
I wish I may,
I wish I might,
Have this wish,
I wish tonight.

The Animal Fair

I went to the animal fair.
The animals all were there.
The old baboon by the light of the moon
Was combing his auburn hair.
The monkey sure was spunk.
He climbed up the elephant's trunk.
The elephant sneezed and fell to his knees,
And that was the end of the
monk, monk, monk, monk!

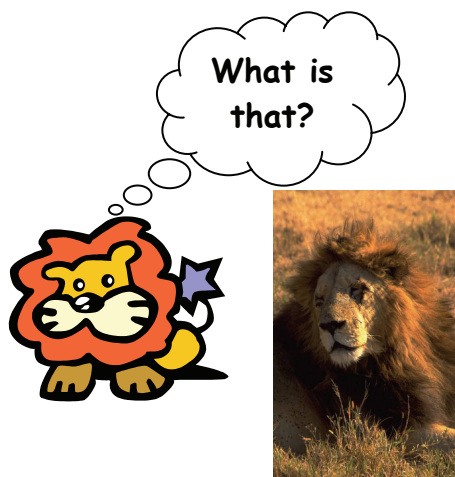


Note to Parents & Caregivers

A wordless book is a great tool for telling stories. You just make up the story by using the pictures as a guide. Your child can add to the story too! The sequence of the pictures helps to guide the story structure and spark imaginations.

Young children need to learn how stories are structured.

Let's Create



Try to find some pictures of real giraffes, hyenas, lions, gorillas and armadillos to show your child.

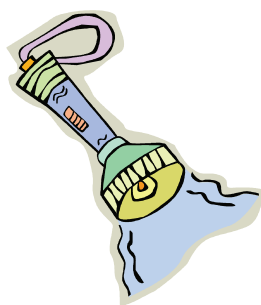
You can often find old nature magazines at garage sales or flea markets. These have wonderful wildlife pictures.

Talk about the differences between the drawn animals and the real ones.

Ask your child what sounds she or he thinks each one makes.

Let's Be Together

Night time is hard for children. Help your child get ready for bed like the zookeeper in the story. Use a flashlight and go through your child's room with her to say good night to her toys, the family pet, and things outside her window.



Play a game with your voice and see who can whisper the softest to say good night.



Make a list with your child of all the things that he has to do before he goes to bed (have a drink, brush teeth, wash face) and check them off each night.

Help your child decide what toys get to sleep in his bed and say goodnight to each one.

Bedtime routines can be fun.



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