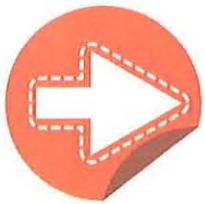




Meeting 3

The World of Animals



Here are three fun ways to teach Busy Bees about the animals God made for us to enjoy. Adapt the activities to meet the needs of your Busy Bees or use your own activities.





The following activities partially fulfill the requirement for My World III: The World of Nature, which is to complete the Friend of Animals award. See the Busy Bee Activity Book for accompanying worksheet(s).

ACTIVITY

1

Animal Neighbors

15
MINUTES

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Pictures of birds that live in your region
- Bird sounds: check out Cornell University's resources at birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/studying/birdsongs/
- Bagels or pine cones
- Bird seeds
- Jute or string
- Plastic baggies
- Peanut butter
- Plastic knives

WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: Tie pieces of string or jute to bagels/pine cones.

Show the Busy Bees pictures of birds that are common in their neighborhoods and play the sounds they make. See if the children can imitate the sounds they hear. Talk to your Busy Bees about bird watching and how to set up a feeder at their home in order to see what kinds of birds are in their neighborhood. Give each child the bagel or pine cone with string tied to it. (For children living in apartments or areas with no yards, they can make feeders to take to nursing homes, schools, or the church.) Have the children coat the bagel or pine cone with peanut butter. Make sure that none of your Adventures are allergic to peanuts. If they are, substitute with a different nut butter or shortening. Then have the children roll the bagel/pine cone in bird seed. Place the bird feeder in a plastic baggie to take home. The coated bagel/pine cone can then be hung anywhere the Busy Bee can safely watch.



Animal Masks

WHAT YOU DO

15
MINUTES

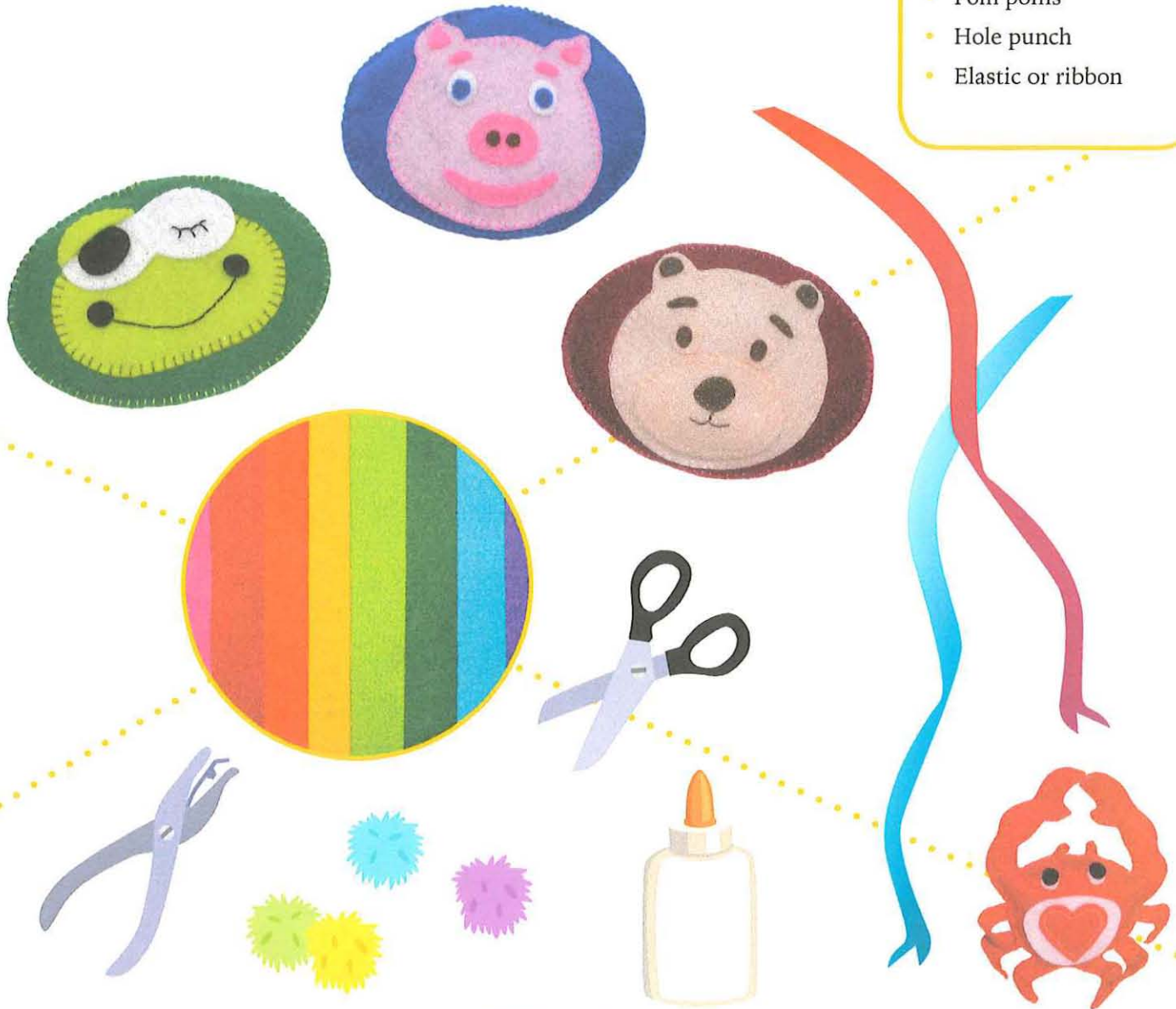


Begin by showing the Busy Bees pictures of animal homes (i.e. insect, anteater, dog, bear, beaver, etc.). Ask the Busy Bees to identify the animal that lives there by acting out the animal. Then have each child make a half mask of an animal using felt. For safety purposes have an adult cut out the holes for the eyes and assist with hole punching the sides and tying the elastic or ribbon. The Busy Bee can glue on a pom pom for the nose and use extra felt for spots, a long nose, or pointy ears. This is a great project for creativity.

2 ACTIVITY

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Felt (colors of animals)
- Fabric glue
- Scissors
- Pom poms
- Hole punch
- Elastic or ribbon





ACTIVITY

3

Caring for Pets

15

MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

Begin by reading a story about how to take care of a pet. Then ask each Busy Bee to choose an animal they would like to make out of clay. Have them keep their animal between 2 and 4 in tall or long (5 × 10 cm). Then have them make the items they would need if they were caring for the animal, such as food dish, water dish, bottle, leash, brush, and toys.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Air-drying clay or Play-Doh in a variety of colors
- Googly eyes



Award: Friend of Animals

To complete this award, check the requirements on p. 134 and add activities as needed.



Requirement: My World III