

Here are three fun ways to teach Builders about saving endangered animals. Adapt these activities to meet the needs of your Builders or create your own activities.





The following activities partially complete the requirements for the Saving Animals award.

ACTIVITY

1

What Am I?

15

MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Masking tape
- Index cards or paper
- Dry erase board or a large sheet of paper
- Marker

Ahead of time: Use the index cards or paper to make one endangered or vulnerable animal card per child. If you use index cards, just write the name of the animal on the card. If you use larger sheets of paper, write the name of the animal and include a picture. On the backs of the cards or paper include facts about the animal such as why it is endangered and where it lives. You can find facts about endangered animals at worldwildlife.org and en.wikipedia.org. You can repeat some of the animals if you need to.

Write the following words and definitions on the board:

Extinct	gone forever
Endangered	only a few left
Vulnerable	may soon be endangered

Read and discuss Proverbs 12:10 (NET): "A righteous person cares for the life of his animals." (Make sure the children know what righteous means.) Ask them if they can think of a righteous man and his family in the Bible who saved animals from extinction. Ask the Builders if they think it matters to God if animals become extinct.

Now explain the game to the children. Let them know that you will be taping a card or paper with the name of an endangered or vulnerable animal to their back. Don't let the kids see what you tape onto them. Now the children need to ask other children and adults yes or no questions to try to figure out what animal is taped to their back. (Sample questions: Am I a mammal? Do I live in the ocean? Do I roar?) If any of the children can't guess their animal, give them some clues.

Once they have guessed correctly, they can remove the animal name from their back. After everyone has guessed their animal, have the children share the facts about the animals from the back of their papers.



Canvas Totes

WHAT YOU DO

15

MINUTES



2

ACTIVITY

Tell the Builders that 6,000 acres (2,428 hectares) of rainforest are cut down every hour. That's about the size of 4,000 American football fields! Over half the world's animals live in rainforests. One product that can come from the rainforest is paper from trees. Ask the Builders for ideas of how they can use less paper. Share that one way is to use a tote bag when they go to the store instead of paper bags or plastic bags, which can pollute the environment and endanger animals.

Show each Builder a completed tote bag. Have them trace the tree pattern onto felt and then cut it out. Then have the children either glue the tree to the tote bag or sew it on. (If you have them sew the tree, you will need to show them how to use a long running stitch around the edge. Some children will need help threading the needle and most children will need help tying a knot in the thread.) After the children have attached the tree to the bag, have them use a fabric pen to write "Save A Tree" on the bag.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- For this project you can either sew or glue a felt tree onto a canvas bag. The project will take more time if you sew instead of glue the tree.
- Plain canvas tote bags (you can purchase totes online in bulk for discounted prices or if you have someone in your group who sews, they can make simple totes from canvas or burlap)
- Felt Tree Pattern (see Pinterest)
- Fabric pens
- Fabric glue or large embroidery needle and embroidery thread



Find the **Felt Tree Pattern** at [Pinterest.com/AdventSource](https://www.pinterest.com/AdventSource)

Save
a
Tree





ACTIVITY

3

Insect Hotel

15
MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

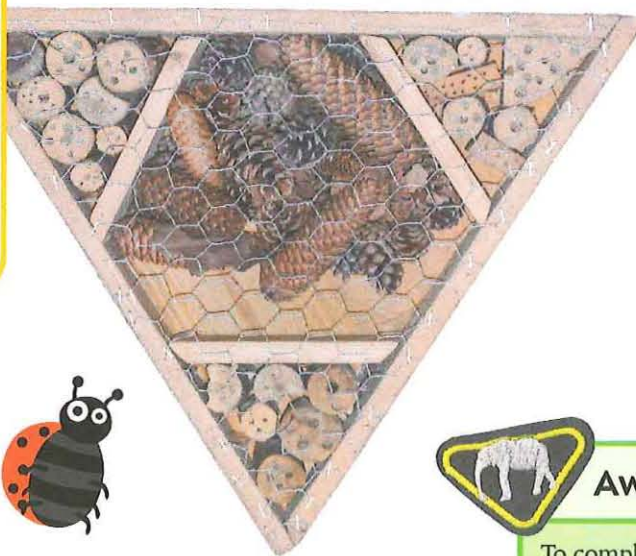
MATERIALS NEEDED

- Wood boxes or metal containers such as old coffee cans or cake pans
- Materials to place inside the bug hotel:
 - Small pieces of dead wood
 - Hollow stems (bamboo, reeds, grasses)
 - Blocks of wood with holes drilled in them
 - Small stones or tiles
 - Hay or straw
 - Dry leaves
 - Bark
 - Corrugated cardboard rolled into tubes
 - Pine cones
 - Wood shavings
 - Moss

Ahead of time: Find containers for the kids to use for their bug hotels. If you use metal containers that don't have a flat side, you'll want to flatten one side so they can sit without rolling.

Tell the Builders that it's not just large animals that are endangered, but also small insects. In recent years, 59 insects have become extinct. One reason that they've become extinct or are now endangered is because they've lost their habitat (the place they live). Builders can encourage insects to live in their yard or neighborhood by building a bug hotel. This is a small, dry place that insects can crawl into to sleep at night or where they can hibernate over the winter. Show the children a completed bug hotel.

Give each child a wooden box or metal container. Have them lay the box or container flat. Then have them stuff it full of the items you've provided for the inside of the bug hotel. The box/container should be packed full. This prevents the material from falling out. The material should be packed by group: all of the dead wood together, all of the straw together, all of the moss together, etc. When the Builders have finished filling their bug hotels, have them stand it upright. Explain that they will tuck the bug hotel into the bottom of a bush or a nook of a tree or even next to a building. The bug hotel should be placed so rain doesn't collect inside of it.



Award: Saving Animals

To complete this award, check the requirements on p. 144 and add activities as needed.