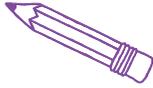


ACTIVITY TIME

Featured Stories Program

books
for
preschoolers



THAT FRUIT IS MINE! by Anuska Allepuz

Deep in the jungle there lived five elephants. In this jungle there are delicious and wonderful fruits that abundantly grow.... and did you know that elephants absolutely LOVE fruit? *That Fruit is Mine!* is a hilarious story about five elephants who are mad about fruit. They love to munch on mangoes, they crave coconuts and enjoy a banquet of bananas. One day they spot, high up in a tree, a brand new fruit that they just have to taste. "That fruit is mine!" each elephant cries, and one by one they attempt to scale the tree and win the delicious bounty. Not having much luck the elephants are not sure what to do; it takes a team of very small problem solvers to show them the way.

Make a maze

You will need:

- Template (see attached)
- Crayons or pencils
- Playdough
- Small ball of tin foil
- Straw.

What to do:

1. Colour and decorate the template
2. Roll some playdough into a long, thin snake. Press onto the trunk of the tree as shown in the picture
3. Roll a small amount of tin foil into a ball and place it onto the tree trunk, between the playdough
4. Use a straw and blow to move the tin foil up the tree to towards the fruit
5. Print two copies of the template and have a race, who can reach the fruit first?

More ideas

You can glue the template sheet onto a heavy piece of cardboard and use it as a board game. Instead of using a straw, try your skill at tilting the cardboard and rolling the tin foil ball up the tree towards the fruit.

STEM Focus: Mazes are a fun way to explore force and motion. What makes objects move slow or fast? If you have more playdough construct a larger maze and practice rolling a tin foil ball or a marble through it. You can also make a maze using Lego, look at the range of different sizes pieces you have and work on creating a maze. This activity combines science and engineering concepts into a fun and enjoyable game.

Songs to sing

The Wheels on the Bus, Hokey Pokey and The Grand Old Duke of York.

Key message

Children learn by being engaged and doing.

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Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.

*You can introduce simple Science Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) concepts to children aged 2+ years through every day play.



