



## At Home Preschool Pride 2020 Peek A Boo

Peek a boo, where are you? Animals can be great at hiding when they don't want to be found. Let's see who we can find today!

**Audience:** ages 2-4 years and their adult

**Goal:** After these activities, students and their caregivers will understand:

- Animals use their colors to blend in with their habitat or home
- Animals have different colors
- Animals have different homes

**Supplies:**

- Tissue Paper
- Chameleon printout
- Animal Habitat printouts or magazines to cut-up
- Toy animals
- Yarn (brown, green and other colors)
- Stuffed animals

**Set up:**

- Chameleon Craft
  - Cut out the chameleon from the chameleon printout
  - Cut up pieces of tissue paper/magazine paper/colored paper
- Animal Habitat Sort
  - Print out (or to save paper find pictures in a magazine) 4 different habitats, pick out toy animals that would live in those spaces
- Camouflage Worms
  - Cut up 5 pieces of brown and 5 pieces of green yarn, and 10 pieces of two other colored yarn.
- Animal Hide and Seek
  - Hide stuffed or plastic animals around the house or yard.

These lessons are not in any specific order, just set up the activities and move at the pace your child wants to move. Jump back and forth between activities and encourage free choice and play.

## Lessons:

**Activity 1:** Sing preschool pride song! Found here:

<https://www.henryvilaszoo.gov/zoo-camp-at-home/>

## Activity 2: Chameleon Craft

Directions: Chameleons are excellent at camouflage, they can even change their colors to hide. Today you can make a chameleon that will hide in your home, think of a place in your house you want it to hide. Then take the tissue paper or magazine paper and glue it onto your chameleon in a pattern that would help it blend in. If you don't have tissue paper feel free to just color your chameleon.

## Concepts:

- Connection- chameleons can change their color to blend in. Connecting to a place in your home.
- Fine motor skills- glueing, placing paper
- Place based- crafting your chameleon to blend in with a space in your home.

## What to say:

- Where should we put your chameleon?
  - o What colors are there?
  - o How can we help him hide?
- What color is this?
- What else do you want to add?
- What else does it need?



### Activity 3: Animal Habitat Match

Directions: Using your habitat pictures or some magazine pictures sort the toy animals and place them on the habitat that they would naturally live. See if their coloration matches the images in the pictures. If they do think about where they would live and why they would need to hide? If they don't think about what is making them stick out, and how that could help them.

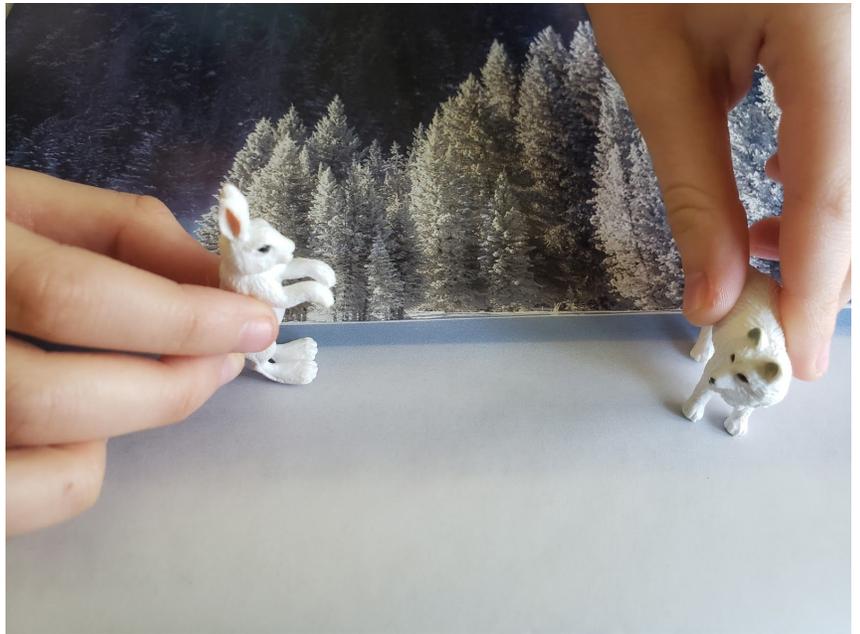
Concepts:

- Connection- Animals live in different places, and have adaptations to help them blend in with their surroundings
- Senses-sight, hiding
- Logic- sorting, connecting

What to say:

- What type of animal is this?
- Where does it live?
- What color is it?
- What does it eat?

Pretend and play together



#### Activity 4: Camouflage Worms

Directions: Go outside to a nice patch of grass. Sprinkle the yarn in a predetermined space (this helps ensure you don't leave any pieces behind) now give your child 30 seconds to pick up all the pieces of yarn they can find. Sort the yarn by color, most likely you will find that the green and brown yarn pieces get picked up less because they blend in with the grass more than the other colors. Repeat this activity a few times.

Concepts:

- Connection- Matching the color of the ground helps you blend in
- Fine motor skills- picking up yarn
- Senses- sight

What to say:

- How many have you found?
- What color is this?
- Are there more
- Encourage your child as they search for the 'worms'.



## Activity 5: Animal Hide and Seek

Directions: Some stuffed or plastic animals have decided to hide! Go see if you can find all of them! Keep a list of all the animals you hid then cross them off once your child finds them.

Concepts:

- Connection- Animals hide in their habitats
- Senses- sight, searching
- Imagination- playing and pretending with the stuffed animals

What to say:

- How many have you found?
- Who else do we need to find?
- Where do you think they would want to hide?
- Where should we look next?



### Zoo Connection!

Animals can be excellent at camouflaging or blending in with their habitat. Take a look to see if you can find these animals hiding in the pictures!







Habitat Printouts:



