

Activities to go with K is for kazoo:

Share this simple background information with your child:

A kazoo is a musical instrument. You can make funny sounds by blowing on the end of the kazoo.

It is fun to try to play your favorite songs on a kazoo. Kazoos are made from plastic, metal, or wood. Demonstrate how to play the kazoo to your child.

You may wish to purchase some kazoos to have for your children and yourself. You can usually find them at a party supply place or in a dollar store.

You can also make a homemade kazoo:

For directions, go to www.homeschoolshare.com/song_and_dance_man.php

You could also read the book, *Song and Dance Man*, and do some of the activities from this wonderful unit.

Play a kazoo version of the game, *Name That Tune*.

Using your kazoo, have people try to guess the tune you are playing. Have fun!

When finished playing the game, have your child draw a picture in the *K is for Kazoo* minit book of how he or she felt while playing the Name That Tune game.

For children ready for copy work, they could write the letter k and the word kazoo in their minit book.

Activities to go with K is for kangaroo:

Read the short excerpt of *The Kangaroo's Courtship* from the book, *Alphabestiary* by Jane Yolen:

Oh will you be my wallaby

Asked Mr. Kangaroo

For we could find so many jumping things to do.

After reading the excerpt, discuss things that would be difficult as well as unsafe to do while jumping, such as tying your shoes, drinking a milkshake, driving a bike, or cutting paper.

Then, talk about what you could safely and easily do while jumping, such as counting, singing, laughing, breathing, looking around the room, etc.

Have them try to jump and do the "safe to do while jumping things".

Your child can then draw safe and unsafe things to do while jumping in their k is for kangaroo minit book.

See also www.homeschoolshare.com/wombat_stew.php

For children ready for copy work, they could copy the word kangaroo and the letter k into their minit book.

It might also be fun to read the book, *Alphabestiary*, by Jane Yolen. After reading the book, your child might enjoy painting or drawing animal pictures or making clay or play dough animal figurines.

You can have your child locate Australia on a globe or map and talk about kangaroos and other marsupials, or pouched animals.

Activities to go with K is for King:

Share this simple background information to share with your child:

A king is a ruler of a country. Kings live in castles. The United States of America does not have a king, but some other countries have kings. Generally, a king is married to a queen.

For those children ready for copy work, they could write the word king or the letter k in their k is for king minit book.

Read nursery rhyme, **OLD KING COLE**.

You may want to have your child act this out or else, you could have them draw pictures to go with this nursery rhyme...

OLD KING COLE

Old King Cole Was a merry old soul,
And a merry old soul was he,
He called for his pipe,

and he called for his bowl,
And he called for his
Fiddlers three.

And every fiddler, had a fine fiddle,
And a very fine fiddle had he.
Oh there's none so rare, as can compare,
With King Cole
And his fiddlers three.

In the minit book, have your child draw a picture of Old King Cole.
Why do you think he wanted to have a pipe, a bowl, and fiddlers?
There is space provided in the minit book for your child to design a crown fit for a king.

Discuss with your child:
If you got to be a king or queen, what things would you want?

Rhyming Game:

For those children who are ready, listen for the rhyming words in the nursery rhyme, *Old King Cole*. Have them come up with other words that rhyme with he and three, such as knee, tree, bee, we, etc. Then, have them look at their minit book. Inside the minit book, there is a page that says king, king, what rhymes with king? Read this to your child and then, have them try to come up with their own words that rhyme.

Example:

Kite – tight, fight, night, light, etc.

Look up countries with royal families, such as Thailand, England, and Norway.

Have your child find these countries on a map or globe. If you have older children and are working on this book as a family, you may want to have an older child share some simple information about kings, queens, and other royal family members with your little ones.

For more ideas to go with royalty, see: www.homeschoolshare.com/sleeping_beauty.php

K is for koala:

Read *Koala Lou* by Mem Fox.

Discuss the story with your child.

Ask your child about the sport Koala Lou played (gum tree climbing).

Have your child draw a picture of your favorite animal playing a sport.

Read the following quote from Koala Lou to your child:

"There was once a baby koala so soft and round that all who saw her loved her. Her name was Koala Lou."

Talk about how much parents love their children.

Have your child draw a picture of a mom taking care of her baby in the k is for koala book.

For a child ready for copy work, they could write the word koala, the letter k, and the word Australia in their minit book.

K is for Koala Riddle - Share this riddle with your child:

I am related to the kangaroo.

Like the kangaroo, I also come from Australia.

When my babies are born, they are the size of a jelly bean!

I feed my babies but when they grow up, they eat eucalyptus leaves

I have thick, wooly gray fur that acts like my raincoat, keeping me nice and dry.

People say that I smell funny, like a big cough drop. It is because I eat lots of eucalyptus.

I live in trees.

I am a gentle animal.

Who am I?

Why a koala, of course!

Other k is for koala ideas -

Make a koala paper plate mask.

For this project, you'll need:

Gray and black construction paper

Glue stick

Scissors

Paper plate

Wiggly eyes

Glue gun

Paint can stirrer

Have your child color a paper plate gray or else have them glue gray construction paper pieces all over the paper plate.

Make a funny koala shaped nose by cutting black construction paper into a large rectangle, then round off the corners.

Add wiggly eyes for the eyes and cut gray construction paper ears. Attach ears to the plate.

With a glue gun, hot glue a paint can stirrer to the mask so that your child can hold the mask in front of their face.

Make and share some of the veggie treats that are featured in this adorable cookbook:

http://www.koalajo.com/KlassicKoalas_VeganDelights.pdf