

Little Rabbit Trails

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Resource Guide

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Subjects that may have some prep work, if you decide to use the activity, are marked as follows:

C=Craft **F**=Field Trip **A**=Activity **S**=Science **K**=Kitchen



= Preview before sharing with your children

ALERT: Make sure you read the information on the Marshmallow card. A unique experience you could have is you do a little bit of planning. You could perform your very own social experiment right in your own home.

Read Aloud

This months read allowed is short so I have included more than one. The princess stories are the real unabridged versions.

Lafcadio The Lion Who Shot Back

Shel Silverstein

The Lion and the Mouse (full text included)

Aesop

The Four Oxen and a Lion (full text included)

Aesop

Quotes for optional copy work

“Aim at a high mark and you will hit it. No, not the first time, not the second time and maybe not the third. But keep on aiming and keep on shooting for only practice will make you perfect. Finally you’ll hit the bull’s-eye of success.”

-Annie Oakley

“There are many statues of men slaying lions, but if only the lions were sculptors there might be quite a different set of statues.”

- Aesop

Optional Memorization

We are what we repeatedly do,
excellence then, is not an act, but a
habit.

-Aristotle

"An ounce of practice is worth more
than tons of preaching."

-Mahatma Gandgi

For Little Bunnies

"No act of kindness,
no matter how
small, is ever
wasted."

— Aesop

Audio Books

The Lion and the Mouse

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m5pHEuxF0IA>

The Four Oxen and a Lion

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDgMIQDyQww>

Literature (Library List)

Listed below are books that I believe will enhance your learning experience. I chose many books within the same topics to provide variety and to help cover a broad age range. I provide this list so you have a place to start when visiting the library. It will help reduce your time looking up books and sorting through books with less than inspiring content.

The Beast Book of Big Cats	Christians Gunzi
Killer Cats, Lions	Therese Shea
Wild Cats, Lions	Melissa Cole
Little Lions	Jim Arnoky
If I were a Lion	Sarah Weeks
How to Hide a Lion	Helen Stephens
The Lion and The Mouse (picture book)	Jerry Pinckney
Face to Face with Lions	Beverly and Derrick Joubert
The Ox Star Fell From Heaven	Lily Toy Hong
Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox	Matt Luckhardt
America the Beautiful, Chicago	Dan Liebman
Eyewitness Chicago	Judy Sutton Taylor
Cities of the World, Chicago	R. Conrad Stein
Kidding Around Chicago	Lauren Davis
The Marshmallow Incident	Judi Barrett
Aesops Fables	Aesop
President Taft is Stuck in the Bath	Mac Barnett
African Diaries: A Journey Through Sketches	David G. Derrick Jr.
Safari Animals (Slide-&-Play board book)	Xavier Deneux
Africa for Kids: Exploring a Vibrante Continent	Harvey Croze
Eyewitness Africa	Yvonne Ayo
DK Eyewitness Travel Guide:South Africa	Michael Brett
Here Is the African Savanna	Madeleine Dunphy
African Savanna	Donald Silver
Biomes and Ecosystems	Barbara J. Davis
A Is for Africa	Ifeoma Onyefulu
Animals of Africa - The Children's Picture Book for Learning About Animals	William Douglas

Videos

Lambert the sheepish lion

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FhHOpH6nQ3k>

The Lion and the Mouse

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGCvtuPqXvQ>

Music

Old Buttermilk Sky <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fOgrjd9NKF0>

African Children's Choir - O Sifuni Mungu

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wpsijxAjQRE&list=PLPFd4CtUQO2LjS-hFY439mNaZioAHlerS>

Itunes

Old Buttermilk Sky

Hoagy Carmichael

It Takes A Whole Village (1998)

African Childrens Choir

Djembe and African Drums (2000)

Various Artists

Movies

Lion King

Disney

The Greatest Show on Earth (1952)

Staring Charlton Haston

Life is a Circus Charlie Brown (1980)

Hatari!

Staring John Wayne

African Cats

Staring Samuel L. Jackson

Out of Africa (1985)

Staring Meryl Streep &Robert Redford

Dumbo

Disney

Artist of the Month
Peter Paul Rubens

Read about Peter Paul Rubens

<http://www.britannica.com/biography/Peter-Paul-Rubens>

About the painting 3 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Mm7QYRUrFw>

Read Daniel 6 (King James Version) and discuss the story

The painting larger

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Sir_Peter_Paul_Rubens_-_Daniel_in_the_Lions%27_Den_-_Google_Art_Project.jpg

Daniel and the Lions Den cartoon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OfDrKmwGQfY>



The Lion and the Mouse

A Lion lay asleep in the forest, his great head resting on his paws. A timid little Mouse came upon him unexpectedly, and in her fright and haste to get away, ran across the Lion's nose.

Roused from his nap, the Lion laid his huge paw angrily on the tiny creature to kill her.

"Spare me!" begged the poor Mouse. "Please let me go and some day I will surely repay you."

The Lion was much amused to think that a Mouse could ever help him. But he was generous and finally let the Mouse go. Some days later, while stalking his prey in the forest, the Lion was caught in the toils of a hunter's net. Unable to free himself, he filled the forest with his angry roaring. The Mouse knew the voice and quickly found the Lion struggling in the net. Running to one of the great ropes that bound him, she gnawed it until it parted, and soon the Lion was free.

"You laughed when I said I would repay you," said the Mouse.

"Now you see that even a Mouse can help a Lion."

A kindness is never wasted.

-Aesop



THE FOUR OXEN AND THE LION

A Lion used to prowl about a field in which four Oxen used to dwell. Many a time he tried to attack them; but whenever he came near they turned their tails to one another, so that whichever way he approached them he was met by the horns of one of them. At last, however, they fell a-quarreling among themselves, and each went off to pasture alone in a separate corner of the field. Then the Lion attacked them one by one and soon made an end of all four.

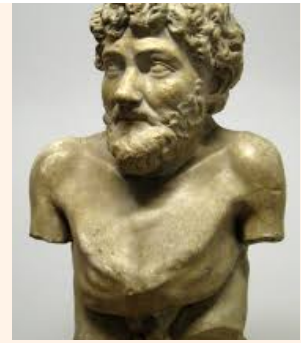
“UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL.”

-Aesop



Aesop C

Can you make up a great story that will teach a lesson. You may have read the story of the Lion and the Mouse. Read a few more of Aesops Fables and see if you can think up your own. You can keep it simple and then make an illustration to go with your very own Fable. Snap a picture of your work and share them with everyone else at LRT Trail Blazers online.



Read about Aesop, this site has both a strait forward telling of Aesop and a childs version if you scroll down a little

<http://www.encyclopedia.com/topic/Aesop.aspx>

About Aesop



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZjkzXpRxBQM>

Listen to some more Aesops Fables (2 hours worth of fables, Listen to few or many)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g8DGHTvkkTA>

Finding the meaning of a Fable 2 minutes



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Sy5-7SpoGc>

Africa C F

Today you are going to make your Continent map. Dont forget to include important water ways and countries. Or you can pick to do a very different type of map. Check the link bellow and you could choose to do a biome, climate, political, language map, or even another one that catches you fancy. Try and label as many of the countries as you can.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Africa>

OR

Go to a Guitar Center and try out some of the African drums



50 interesting facts about Africa

<http://voices.nationalgeographic.com/2013/10/31/getting-to-know-africa-50-facts/>



Growing up in Africa - There is nothing graphic as I saw but it does bring up children being sold as slaves. It also talks about abuse. 49 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TltNEG1SjoM>



Animals of the Savanna (Great for young kids) 22 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MmIBiw8MBQ>

Listen to some Traditional African Music 1 hour and 16 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEwnHf9Q23k>



Djembe Percussion from Ghana 9 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A98bY01PhsI>



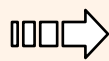
Watch how a Djembe is made 4.5 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aLeede5z1vQ>



Watch South African Children Sing and Dance 3 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Y4uQsdGt7o>



Dig Deeper

Read about the African Savanna Biome

<http://www.blueplanetbiomes.org/savanna.htm>



Biomes of the Earth 13 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0fb8143ndo8>



The Biomes Song 4 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0A5eeE93uEA>

Bathtub S

Do you take showers or baths? Well, I encourage you to take a bath this month. Try out Archimedes' theories of buoyancy and displacement using your own methods. Watch how much the water rises as more people get in. You don't feel like sharing a tub? Then use a kiddie pool or a sink with smaller objects, or even better yet, a large measuring cup with a pie pan under it. Then once the water runs over you can measure the amount of water that is displaced. How much does the water level change when you drop a ball of tinfoil in? How about a tinfoil boat? Don't forget to record your measurements so you can tell Dad what you found out from your experiment.



Archimedes and the bath 3 minutes



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijj58xD5fDI>

Hmmm, could the story of Archimedes be mistaken? 4.5 minutes

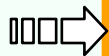


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0v86Yk14rf8>

Which US President got stuck in a bathtub 3 minutes



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNn48EFgybM>



Dig Deeper

Archimedes' lost manuscript

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMfKrfG1aEI>

Buttermilk AS

Did you know that national buttermilk biscuit day is May 14th. There are so many things you could give a try. Do you want to taste real buttermilk? Then get some cream, shake it up and make butter. The left over white liquid is the buttermilk. You could taste it or make something with it if there is enough. Try making a buttermilk substitute by mixing lemon juice with milk. What happens to it. Make buttermilk biscuits, cake, pancakes, waffles or something else yummy. Have fun and don't forget to talk out loud about all the measuring you are doing.



What is Real Buttermilk? 3 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EitfpQSeWE>



How to make Buttermilk from plain milk 1 minute

<http://www.thekitchn.com/how-to-make-a-quick-easy-butter-milk-substitute-cooking-lessons-from-the-kitchen-185757>

Why lemon makes milk Curdle?

<http://www.thekitchn.com/food-science-why-lemon-makes-m-88057>

The best buttermilk substitutes

<http://www.epicurious.com/ingredients/substitute-butter-milk-baking-article>

Little Miss Muffet

<http://www.poetryfoundation.org/poem/176334>

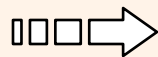
Meaning of Little Miss Muffet Video 1 minute



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCAIZLrzE6A>

Read about the meaning of Little Miss Muffet

<http://www.brookmans.com/history/littlemissmuffet.shtml>



Dig Deeper

Why Buttermilk was one of Chemistry's Greatest Innovations

<http://io9.com/kitchen-chemistry-why-butter-milk-was-a-life-saving-inn-1665356453>

Chicago A

Write down a list of things you would like to see if you were to travel to Chicago some day. Put this in your journal, binder or someplace your Mother thinks would be good.



The Cloud Gate

<http://www.chicagoarchitecture.info/Building/636/Cloud-Gate.php>

The Willis Tour (Sears Tower)

<http://www.chicagoarchitecture.info/Building/375/The-Willis-Tower.php>

Explore Chicago 6.5 minutes



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oA-9RLPRTY4>

The Chicago fires of 1871 8 minutes



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3Q3wwRAGiw>

Chicago Architecture: Chicago has a very rich Architecture history 10 minutes



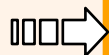
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SdVWhkdQ0z8>

10 facts about Navy Pier

<https://navypier.com/blog/navy-pier-fun-facts-things-never-knew/>

Why was Navy Pier Built

<http://www.conciergepreferred.com/navy-pier/4337-why-was-navy-pier-chicago-built.html>



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Tour University of Chicagos
Campus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z58g45-GPsA>

Circus AC

Do you think it would be fun to be in the circus? What talent would you choose to develop if you were in a Circus. Today your going to get a chance to try a few things.



Maybe you would like to learn how to juggle 3 balls

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCt1bmSASCI> 2 minutes

OR

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PF6UuPsw2i4> 3 minutes

 **Maybe you would like** to hula hoop

 Get some ideas here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ob3r0F41Aws> 7 minutes

 hip hop version here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGuvNtS5kb8> 4 minutes

 Make your own Juggling Balls 4 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdLB1WwKsfw>

 The Circus 3.5 minutes (this is a book advertisement but gives a very quick look at circus history)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3SsSrf-jTJI&spfreload=10>

Read about the history of the Circus

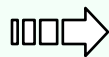
http://www.circopedia.org/SHORT_HISTORY_OF_THE_CIRCUS

Watch a 1930's Circus People get ready for the show 10 minutes

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PxvoE4y0vhI>

Watch a lion and tiger show 12.5 minutes

 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wBeA67_Mcik




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Getting Into Cirque Du Soleil

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLouxprAHtQ>

How to paint your face like a clown


 FOR BOYS <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-2E4w1U1lQ>

 FOR GIRLS <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tIR1aObFbz0>

Check out this Circus Camp

 <http://frenchwoods.com/circus-camp.htm>

Training Circus Lions

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qt3r1GKtWy0>

Lions S

Where do you sit on the food chain. Using your newly found knowledge about lions and food chains and create a food chain or food web on paper, as a mobile or on a wall with yarn and pictures. Dont forget to label the producers, consumers and decomposers.



Learn all about Lions: daily Life, foraging, reproduction, and social behavior) multiple Videos



<http://cbs.umn.edu/research/labs/lionresearch/all-about-lions>

Read about Lions (simple)

<http://www.animalfactguide.com/animal-facts/lion/>

Look at some great National Geographic pictures of lions

<http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/african-lion/>

Young childs short video about lions (very basic) 2.5 minutes



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PlwCtdiF0hI>

Watch a documentary about white lions 53 minutes



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yH5Q_z59JQ

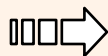
What is a food chain and a food web?

http://www.ducksters.com/science/ecosystems/food_chain_and_web.php

Food Chain Song 3.5 minutes



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iWfEn8J5xKM>



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Uh, Oh, Carnivore 22 minutes

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=URBoyXjK_ZE

Lions Teeth

<http://safariguide-online.com/2011/10/10/lion-anatomy-teeth/>

Read about Carnivores

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carnivore>

Marshmallows **K S**

BEFORE YOU GET STARTED: Perform your own science experiment before you let the children start to pick cards. If you choose to, perform the same experiment as Walter Mischel. He did a social experiment to test the will power of small children. Feel free to watch the video below of how he did it. To be able to record it would be bonus. But you place a child in a room, with nothing else to do, with a single marshmallow and tell them they can either eat it now or wait 15 minutes and they will get a second one if they do not eat the first.



Get ready to make your own Marshmallows! Oh Yeah!!!! 5 minutes



DIY Marshmallows

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EixpnQRC2hw>

Short history of the Marshmallow 2 minutes



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lg2XbWwCIDM>

The Marshmallow Test 5 minutes



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amsqeYOk--w>

What the Marshmallow test really says about self-control

<http://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2014/09/what-the-marshmallow-test-really-teaches-about-self-control/380673/>

Marshmallows with a glass vacuum (Do you have a food vacuum with a jar attachment? You should try this today. lol The kids will love it. 4 minutes

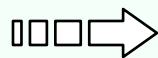


https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fxLY1SGXV_E

How PEEPS are made 2.5 minutes



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWBdOMHoD-U>



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Learn about the Mallow plant 5 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-D6BAuH5zmk>

Read details about the Mallow plant

<http://www.botanical.com/botanical/mgmh/m/mallow07.html>

Ox C

Today your hands are going to get messy. You are going to make a hand print oxen. You could do this with all of your kids on a single piece of paper to make a nice piece of art.



Or

Let your children draw their own picture of Babe and Paul Bunyan

Hand Print Oxen (this link also has an Ox mask and Ox made from a plastic cup)

<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/handprint-ox>

What is an OX?

<http://knowledgenuts.com/2013/11/20/the-difference-between-cows-oxen-and-cattle/>



Watch Oxen pull tree fall 3 minuets

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=i02Ot1h1fS0>



Watch Oxen pull an old hay collector 7.5 minutes

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=FPwIUTK0Ybg>

How to Yoke Oxen 3 minutes



<http://www.nytimes.com/video/dining/100000000802394/how-to-yoke-oxen.html>



Training Oxen 9.5 minutes

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ul2PFDdeJ2k>



Paul Bunyan and his Big Blue Ox Babe (Disney Cartoon) 17 minutes

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=4CNtcDjywBA>

Safari C

Pretend that you are going on a safari. What would you pack? What animals would you like to see? What african country would you like to go to?



Create your own safari nature journal. Take about 4 or 6 pages of paper and fold it in half, staple it and create you cover page. Pretend you are on safari and as you watch any videos on Africa draw things that you see, write down interesting facts, draw closeups of animals features.

or

Create a panorama box showing the many animals of Africa

Art Safari Africa-Woman shares her experience doing art on a safari 8.5 minutes



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxBvzP52bsM>



Up close look at safari animals 47minutes

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=QEeW7pARr4k>

Learn how to plan your own safari

<http://www.independenttraveler.com/travel-tips/africa-and-middle-east/planning-an-african-safari>

What to Pack for a Safari

<http://blog.bushtracks.com/insiders-africa/africa-safari-packing-tips-from-a-10-time-safari-veteran>



A film maker on safari in the Serengeti- some very cool slow motion pictures 44 minutes

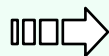
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sKafQbM0J_8

The Fight for Survival - this is not for the faint at heart as it shows the reality of animal life.

Please preview before showing. I would say for pre-teens and older 55 minutes



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3skG8jiRro>



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Benefits of starting a Nature Journal 4 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZ2TnKcXEJE>

Watch how an artist uses the outdoors to inspire his art 4 minutes



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oTax-1GINvQ>

