

Bolded words are meant to be read aloud and discussed with your Daisy!

Activity 1: Be prepared to protect nature before you go outdoors

First, let's talk about the difference between pets and wild animals.

Is a family dog a wild animal?

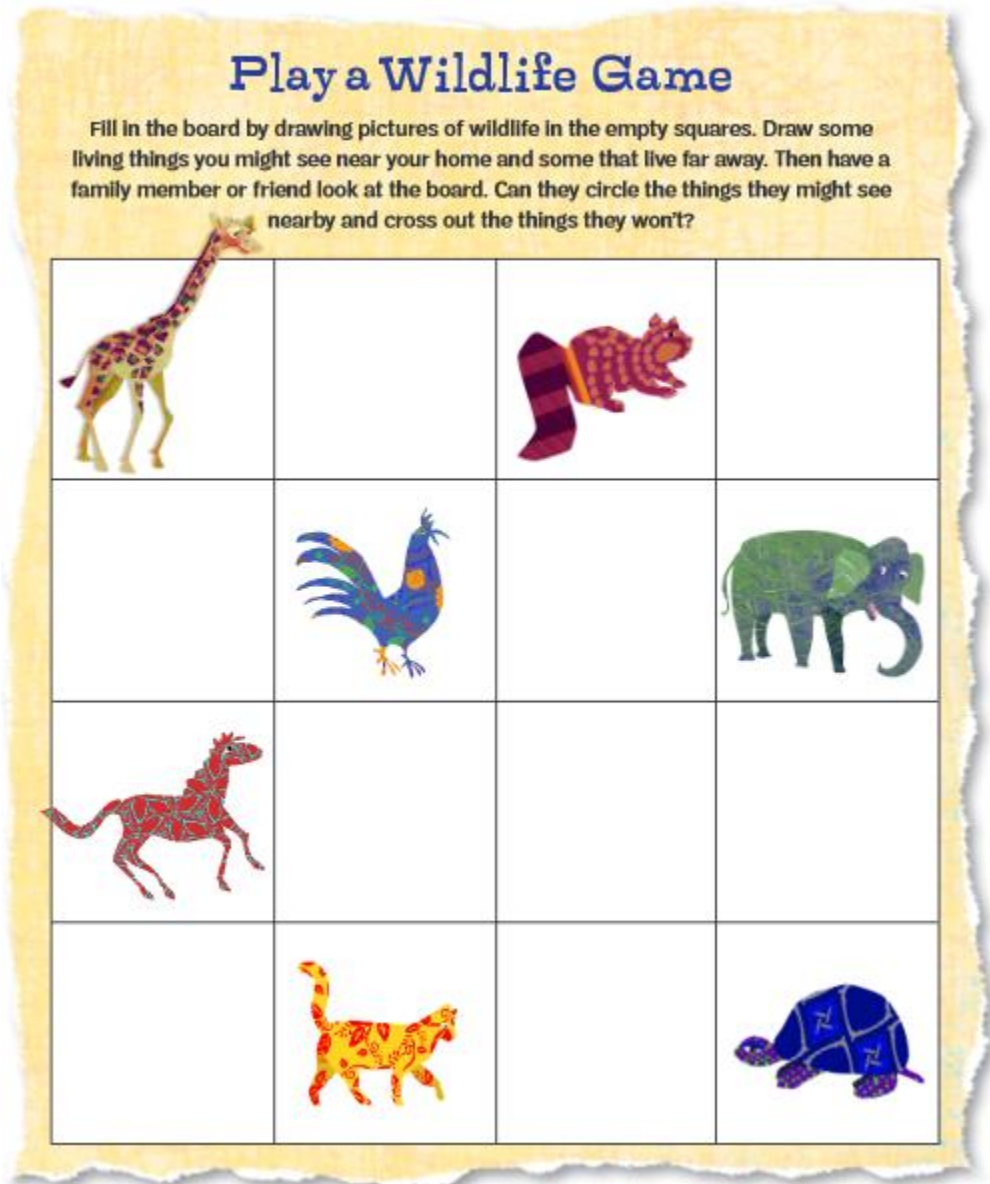
Is a wolf in the woods a wild animal?

This [video](#) was created by the Smithsonian about the Frank Church Wilderness of No Return. It talks about the importance of Idaho Wilderness and the animals that live in it.

This [video](#) was created by visit Idaho and takes us through all of Idaho's regions, showing us the beauty of the state.

Using the image on the right, have your Daisy draw animals that you would see in your hometown in the blank squares!

Why do you think it's important to protect wildlife?



Talk about this idea together. Angling the conversation toward biodiversity and conservation of habitat. For a resource, check out this [link](#) before you start this part.

Activity 2: Keep living things safe when you walk in nature

How do we keep ourselves and other wildlife safe while we are in nature either camping or taking a walk?

The Center for Outdoor Ethics has 7 principles of Leave No Trace found [here](#).

They are:

Plan Ahead and Prepare

Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

Dispose of Waste Properly

Leave What You Find

Minimize Campfire Impacts

Respect Wildlife

Be Considerate of Other Visitors

Making sure we follow Leave No Trace rules means that the animals that live there can be safe and we are making sure that other people can enjoy that place as well. What are some things we can do differently when we camp or hike?

Some answers could be to bring a bag for picking up trash when you hike, using existing fire rings, or not hiking off of a trail. Talk about your families specific needs and routines and how Leave No Trace could be implemented.

Activity 3: Learn how to protect nature from trash

Protecting nature from trash can be very easy! Recycling, using reusable containers, and properly throwing things away help everyone.

Get a plastic bottle (soda bottle), a can, a reusable water bottle, a Tupperware container, and a snack bag.

Which of these are reusable? Which do we have to throw away after using them?

Once you've identified that the plastic bottle, can, and snack bag are one use items, talk about how you could recycle them.

How would we recycle these things? Are two of them made of the same thing? Could we recycle the snack bag and plastic bottle together because they are both plastic?

If your city has a recycling program and you participate in it, talk about how your family recycles and what you do with all of the different products. If you do not have this program, watch this [video](#).

Activity 4: Find your nature identity

Materials:

Paper plate

Yarn or ribbon

Crayons or markers

One of the coloring pages at the end of this lesson

Have your Daisy decide what their nature identity is. They may be a plant, tree, flower, type of wildlife, etc. Have them use crayons or markers to write their names on the back of the plate and color the image you taped on the front.

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