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IN THE JUNGLE

THEMED PROGRAMME



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With the popular ITV series 'I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here' back on our TV screens, run a jungle themed evening exploring swamps, creepy crawlies and even take on a Bushtucker Trial.

ACTIVITIES

-  Swamp Ball
-  Jungle Animal Meet & Greet
-  Bushtucker Trial – Using my Senses
-  Golden Poison Dart Frogs
-  A-Z of The Jungle
-  Wiggly Worm Dirt Pudding

IN THE JUNGLE

» INTRODUCTION

Jungles can be found all across the world and tend to be found surrounding rainforests.

Jungles and rainforests are similar, but while rainforests have thick canopies of tall trees that block out light, jungles allow more light in, making it easier for plants to grow. This extra light creates dense areas of plants and vegetation that can be difficult to navigate.

Because of this, jungles can be very dangerous places to be.

? DID YOU KNOW?

- Only about 6% of the Earth's surface is classified as jungle, yet over half of the world's species live in a jungle environment.
- Jungles are usually in warm places with high rainfall. They are typically found around the equator.
- Some of the most common animals that live in jungles are jaguars, monkeys, tigers & cobras.
- There are on average 800 ants to every square metre in the jungle.



GET ACTIVE



15 MINUTES



IN THE CUPBOARD

GET ACTIVE: SWAMP BALL

Swamps are definitely places to avoid in the Jungle. They are dangerous, full of alligators and pretty smelly! In this game of swamp ball – players want to stay out of the swamp too.

Just like the traditional game of dodgeball, divide your room with a line of cones down the middle and split the group into two teams, placed at either end of the room. Towards the back of each group's half of the room, place a large mat or coned area - these are the swamps.

The game starts with a number of soft balls lined up in the middle on the cones. On go, players can collect the balls and start throwing them at players on the opposite side.

If a player is hit directly with a ball, they must go straight to the other team's territory and stay in the swamp. To get out of the swamp, one of their teammates must throw a ball to them and they must catch it before it hits the floor. Players who do this can return to their team and carry on playing.

The first team to capture all the opposite team's players in their swamp, are the winners.



GET ADVENTUROUS



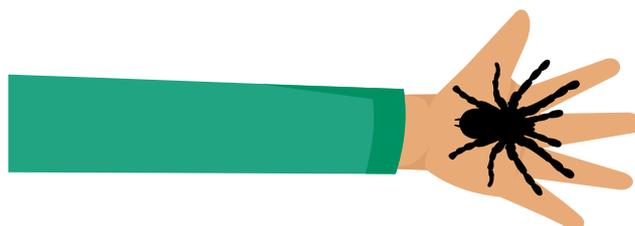
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PREPARATION NEEDED

GET ADVENTUROUS: JUNGLE ANIMAL MEET & GREET

Get out of your meeting space for a night or organise an animal encounter in your meeting space. Hopefully this activity will allow the children to get up close with some animals with a chance to hold, feed and learn more about them. Pets at Home stores run free children's workshops so you may be able to speak with your local store and arrange a visit.





GET LEARNING



15 MINUTES



PREPARATION NEEDED

GET LEARNING: BUSHTUCKER TRIAL – USING MY SENSES

Can your group take on a Bushtucker Trial using just their sense of touch or taste?

Touch – What’s in the box? - Set up a series of boxes with hand holes in the top. Inside, place objects and see if your group can work out what they are. Remember this is a Bushtucker Trial, so make it a little bit grewsome. Try cold cooked spaghetti, toy bugs, cold custard, mushy peas, beans, cotton wool etc.

Taste – Eating Trial – Blindfold willing volunteers and feed them a spoonful of different ingredients to see if their taste buds can work out what they are eating. Again, remember this is a Bushtucker Trial, so go for things like mustard, cold mash potato, baby food, cold porridge and marmite

Please check for allergies before running these activities.



GET INTO THE BIBLE



10 MINUTES



PREPARATION NEEDED

GET INTO THE BIBLE: GOLDEN POISON DART FROGS

To start, give your group 9 or 10 pictures of animals or reptiles and ask them to sort the pictures into order of most to least deadly.

Have a range of images of deadly and less deadly creatures. Make sure one of the pictures is of the **Golden Poison Dart Frog**.

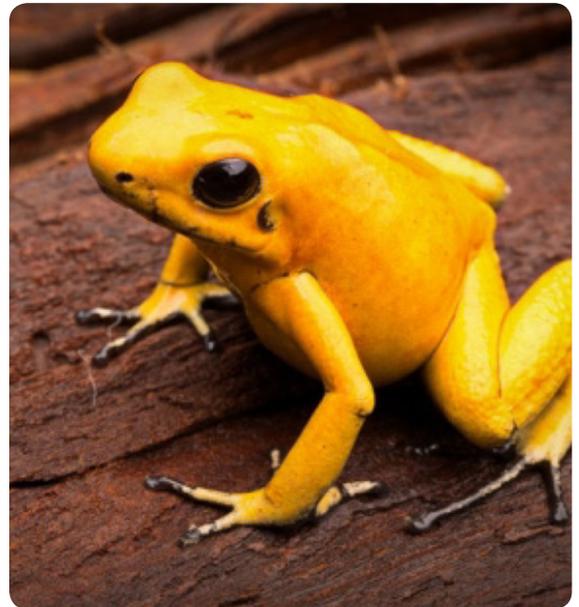
After they have finished sorting the pictures, ask your group why they came to their decisions.

Now explain that the **Golden Poison Dart Frog**, from the jungle, is one of the deadliest creatures on earth. How many of your children had the frog near the least deadly end? However, the most poisonous of these frogs has enough toxin on average to kill ten to twenty people.

Yet these frogs also have another interesting trait, one which might surprise you considering how deadly they can be – they are really caring and attentive parents. Unlike most frogs, they lay their eggs on the ground and then watch over them. Once the eggs become tadpoles, they crawl up and attach themselves to their parent’s back. The adult frog then carries them on its back to a safe place for them to grow into frogs. Not many animals carry their young in this way.

The way the golden poison dart frog parents its young can remind us of how God cares and looks after all of us on Earth. We are God’s children and he too watches over us to protect us. God will also carry us, not on his back, but in his loving arms. He does this to protect and care for us because he loves us so much.

Close with a prayer, thanking God for caring us in his loving arms and protecting us.





GET LEARNING



10 MINUTES



READY TO GO

GET LEARNING: A-Z OF THE JUNGLE

Start your session by seeing what your group already know about the jungle and what they can learn from their teammates.

Split the children into groups of 3 to 4 per team. Give each team a piece of paper with the letters A-Z down the side and challenge them to come up with an item from the jungle for each letter. These may be animals, natural features, things which grow in the jungle – anything they can think of.

After a while, join together and share what the groups have come up with. Getting an item for all 26 letters might be difficult, but see which group has come the closest.



GET CREATIVE



15 MINUTES



PREPARATION NEEDED

GET CREATIVE: WIGGLY WORM DIRT PUDDING

Can your group stomach a Bushtucker Trial by creating & eating their very own wiggly worm dirt pudding?

- 1 Using the chocolate Angel Delight mix and the milk, follow the instructions on the packet to create a bowl of the mixture. This will need 5 – 10 minutes to set.
- 2 Place a couple of Oreos into the sandwich bag and crush them up into small pieces.
- 3 Spoon layers of the Angel Delight mix and crushed Oreos into the plastic cup.
- 4 Finally, place some gummy worms poking out the top and layer some more crushed Oreos to hold the worms in place.

What you'll need:

- Small transparent plastic cups
- Chocolate Angel Delight mix
- Milk
- Oreos
- Sandwich bags
- Gummy worms

