









Week 3: The United States of America

Day 1, Week 3

GO GLOBAL Map Legend

Mountain	
Desert	
Grassland	
Coniferous Forest	
Deciduous Forest	
Rain Forest	
Tundra	
Ice Cap	

North America



Day 2, Week 3

River Scene Diorama Art Tutorial and Safari TOOB Animal Link

This open-ended project will provide your child a fun way to solidify information about North American river life while creating a cool looking diorama. This three-dimensional activity starts with you and your child going outside on a nature walk! Movement, some exercise, and being outside is a real bonus to your day.

Materials



- Plastic bin
- Blue foam sheet (for river), scissors and double-sided tape
- Safari TOOB North American Wildlife animals (or the River or Nature TOOB)
- Lentil beans for the ground
- Materials collected outside to make the forest: pinecones, seeds, acorns, leaves, small rocks, and tiny plants
- Small sticks to make beaver dam

Directions

1. Go on a nature walk to collect materials for your diorama. It can be in your backyard, in your neighborhood, or in a local park/wildlife area where you can take materials home. Note: make sure that you have a place where you can find small sticks for your beaver dam. If necessary, collect the sticks beforehand.
2. Cut blue foam to make river. Using double stick tape, affix to bottom of bin.
3. Add lentils for ground. Don't worry if they slide around a bit.
4. Add materials from your nature walk. Perhaps put the rocks in one corner to be the "mountain" where the ram or grizzly bear will be. Perhaps make another corner a forest,



5. Build dam. Talk to your child about how the beaver builds the dams. You might want to look at the beaver model and talk about his webbed feet and flat tail!
6. Add animals. Name the animals and talk about them. Where do they live? Shall we put them in the rocks, on the plants, in the water, or next to the water?
7. Play! And make sure to let your child explain everything to dad this evening – from naming the animals, explaining about the dam, etc.



Day 3, Week 3

Prairie Dog Video

(<https://youtu.be/QLd0RsFQBwc>)

Two-minute Animal Planet video about the prairie dogs sounding the alarm when the coyote arrives. The prairie dogs win! This is a great video to watch before you dramatize these cute little critters.

Tumbleweed Video (<https://youtu.be/dATZsuPdOnM>)

Three-minute PBS video about Tumbleweeds from their start as green plants, to the dry tumbleweed skeletons of western fame.

Day 4, Week 3

Desert Animals Simon Says Printable

Children love animals, love moving, and love playing. Print this list for a leader to use as you play *Simon Says*. In addition to learning about the animals in the desert and expanding his vocabulary, your child will be wiring his brain for learning. For more information on why movement is critical, see *The Ultimate Guide to Brain Breaks*. (www.ultimatebrainbreaks.com)

Howl like a coyote.	Peck like a woodpecker.
Hop like a kangaroo rat.	Flap your wings like a bat.
Scurry like a desert mouse.	Creep slowly like a Gila monster.
Pounce like a fox.	Pinch like a scorpion.
Run like a desert cottontail.	Creep like a tarantula.
Clack your teeth like a javelina.	Roll up like an armadillo.
Stand tall like an eagle.	Strike like a snake.
Run like a roadrunner.	Shake like a rattlesnake.
Dart like a hummingbird	Slither sideways like a sidewinder.