

Houston Zoo at Home

MONKEY BABIES

Monkey babies like ours cling to their mothers for the first few months of their lives. This is a time for bonding between infant and mother as well as allows the youngster to explore the world under the safety of mom. Moms will carry their babies while eating, as they are on the move from one location to another, or even just on a relaxing sit with the rest of their troop. In this fun game, see if you can act like a monkey family moving from your home to your favorite watering hole.

Monkey Baby Obstacle Course

Ages 3 and up

Materials Needed:

- Outside or indoor space large enough for moving around
- Various household items to use as obstacles (toys, couch cushions, recyclable items, books, buckets, etc.)

Steps:

1. Designate your playing space. You will want enough room to be able to move forward a few feet.
2. Place your obstacles throughout your space.
3. Choose one person in your family to be the “baby” (you should be able to safely pick this person up without hurting yourself) and another person to be the “mother”.
4. Have the “baby” either climb on the “mother’s” back in a traditional piggyback style OR the “baby” can cling to the front of the “mother”.
5. As a pair, the two can navigate the obstacle course safely from one end to the other.

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