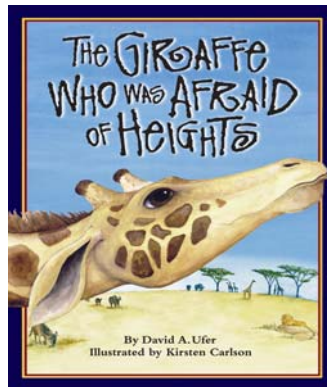




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Teaching Activities for
The Giraffe Who Was Afraid of Heights



Before Reading
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Character
Dealing with Fears
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Sequencing Sentence Strips
Geography: Where in the World do these animals live?
Word Search

Activities are for use as intended at home, in the classroom, and story-times.
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Teaching Activities

Before Reading:

Ask students what, if anything, seems silly about the title.
What do they think the book will be about?
Do they know where giraffes live?
What other animals live on the same continent as giraffes?

After Reading:

What were each of the animals afraid of?
How was the one thing they were afraid of something that would help it survive in the wild?
How did each of the animals overcome its own fear?

Character:

Helping other people is good citizenship. How did the animals help each other?

Dealing with fears: (journal writing or discussion)

What are some things that you have been afraid of?
How did you get over your fear?
Is there anything that scares you now?
How do you think you can fight that fear?

Language Arts: Writing Prompt

Make up a story about an animal that is afraid of something you are afraid of.
Explain how your animal fights the fear, with or without other animal friends.

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Sequence Sentence Strips

Preparation: Copy this page onto a card stock. Cut into sentence strips, laminate if desired, and place in a "center." Have children put the events in order. Children may work alone or in small groups. Cards are in order but should be mixed up when cut apart.

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The young giraffe was afraid to hold up his head.

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His parents were worried and sent him to the doctor.

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The giraffe met a monkey who was afraid to climb trees.

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The giraffe and monkey met a hippo who was afraid of water.

----- ✂ -----

A crocodile wanted to eat the monkey for lunch.

----- ✂ -----

The monkey jumped onto the giraffe's head.

----- ✂ -----

The giraffe lifted the monkey into the tree.

----- ✂ -----

The hippo wrestled the crocodile in the water.

----- ✂ -----

The crocodile swam away.

----- ✂ -----

The three friends played around the river.

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Where in the world do these animals live?



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Find the hidden words. Even non-reading children can try to match letters to letters to find the words! Easy – words go up to down or left to right.

For older children, identify the coordinates of the first letter in each word (number, letter).

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	C	R	O	C	O	D	I	L	E	G
2	S	E	V	E	N	E	D	L	A	O
3	T	P	E	R	G	E	S	I	A	I
4	P	T	R	H	I	P	P	O	R	N
5	R	I	V	E	R	V	G	N	E	G
6	E	L	E	Y	A	F	R	I	C	A
7	Y	E	T	A	F	T	E	R	R	W
8	O	N	L	Y	F	E	A	R	Y	A
9	M	O	N	K	E	Y	B	A	B	Y
10	K	E	L	E	P	H	A	N	T	O

Hippo
Crocodile
Reptile

Giraffe
Fear
Lion

Monkey
Elephant
Prey

Africa
River
Vervet