Otterly Awesome

Companion Activity Book for Four Otters Toboggan: An Animal Counting Book

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Includes:
- Maze
- Origami owl
- Word search
- Finger puppets
- Spot the difference
- and many more!
SPOT THE DIFFERENCES
Spot 10 differences between the two pictures. You’ll need keen eyes! Some of them are really hard to spot.
OWL BURROW MAZE
Can you help the little owl get back to the burrow?
(You can follow the tunnels over and under each other.)

GET THE BOOK

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OTTER-GO-ROUND
Decorate the scene with your favorite colors.
6 STEPS TO CARE FOR ENDANGERED ANIMALS

1. Turn the lights off
When you use less electricity, you lessen pollution - for both animals and people. The more we do this, the more impact we will have.

2. Place pictures on your windows.
Birds can be injured when they fly into windows. To protect birds, cut out your own bird shapes or buy readymade decals to stick onto windows. When the birds see the shapes, they also see the glass, so they won’t hit it.

3. Plastic Bags - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle
Animals often mistake plastic for food, which means that plastics are a huge hazard for many endangered species. Reduce your plastic consumption by bringing cloth tote bags and produce bags when grocery shopping, reuse plastic bags you already have, and recycle leftover plastic bags at the store.

4. Make your home wildlife friendly
Make sure wild animals can’t get into garbage cans, and feed your pets indoors. At night, lock pet doors and turn off outdoor lights. When wild animals aren’t distracted by your home, they are safer in their habitats.

5. Plant a native garden
Native plants provide food and shelter for wildlife that might otherwise be pushed out of their habitats. When you plant flowers, shrubs, and trees, make sure not to use pesticides.

6. Learn about endangered species in your area.
There are great resources online and in books at the library about endangered animals. To protect a species, it’s good to first learn about how interesting and important they are. Then you can teach your family and friends about the wonderful wildlife around you! Nature provides us with clean water and air, food, medicine, and a place to enjoy time with family—excellent reasons for us to take better care of it.
OTTER AND OWL FINGER PUPPETS

Directions:

1. Color!

2. Cut! Follow the solid outlines of the animals and the white tabs. Then carefully cut slits along the dark, dashed lines on the tabs. These will help secure the puppets to your finger.

3. Assemble!
   OTTER: Fold along light gray lines. Then slide together the slits to make a loop. Secure with tape if you need to
   OWL: Cut carefully along dotted lines. Bend tail tabs down. Slide the slits together so the wings criss cross on the top, and the tail tabs both fold under. You can secure with tape.

3. Play!

If you don’t want to cut your book, ask for a grownup to make a copy of the page for you before you color.
WORD REDUCTION GAME

Can you make 10 new words just from the letters from the word below? You may only use letters as many times as they are shown in the key words, and each word must be at least 3 letters long.

OTTERS TOBOGGAN

__________________________  ______________________
__________________________  ______________________
__________________________  ______________________
__________________________  ______________________
__________________________  ______________________

ANIMAL ANAGRAMS

Rearrange the letters to find the animals in the book. Some of the first letters are given.

UTTRLE   T__________________
UAYBGDL   L__________________
LAOFNC   F__________________
TEYBRUFTL   B__________________
ERECK    C__________________
HIFS   ___________________
ORFG   ___________________

MISSING PIECES

These animals are all missing something. Can you draw and complete them? You could even make up your own animals.
Color the wacky bugs and see if you can find the little hidden images below.
COUNTING ANIMALS
Search the picture and count how many times you can find each animal. At the bottom of the page, color one square each time you find that animal, and write the total number on the line.

Which animal appears the most? Which animal appears the least?
**Origami Owl**

Fold yourself and origami owl. Start with a square sheet of paper and follow the directions.

1. Fold in half.
2. Fold corner down past bottom line.
3. Fold top corner down close to the folded edge.
4. Turn around.
5. Fold right flap over from top corner.
6. Fold back so that the edges match.
7. Repeat on other side.
8. Both sides finished. Turn over again.
9. Fold little flap on bottom under.
10. Draw some eyes and feathers for your owl. Use your imagination to make a whole family of owls.

**Answers to problems:**

- Animal Anagrams: turtle, ladybug, falcon, butterfly, cricket
- Word reduction game: Rose, star, bog, bear, bent, ban, nbd, steer, rear

**Secret Message:** Fold the book away from you, so you are looking at the page on an angle.
WHO LIVES IN A TREE?

A tree can be home to many kinds of animals. Can you draw some of the creatures who might live in this one?
Find the following words in the word search. Tip: Don’t forget to search diagonally.

- minnow
- falcon
- ladybug
- river
- otter
- frog
- endangered
- nature
- butterfly
- columbine
- cuckoo
- flycatcher
- cricket
- owl
- dragonfly

Can you figure out how to read the secret message?