

Activity Guide

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DINOSAURS don't EXIST



Brothers Tom and Jesse are out looking for dinosaurs. Tom says dinosaurs don't exist, but Jesse sees everything his older brother doesn't.

After reading Dinosaurs Don't Exist, collect your wits and prepare to go on a dinosaur adventure like Tom and Jesse.

Swinging Tails

Requirements: ribbons

Dinosaurs have long tails. Give each child a dinosaur tail (ribbon). The children tuck the tails into their pants and try to pull them out. Who can collect the most tails?

Dinosaur Eggs

Requirements: plastic eggs that can be opened and small objects to hide in the eggs; two of each object, e.g., pebbles, pine cones, acorns, chestnuts, beech nuts, moss, or twigs.

The dinosaurs have laid eggs. Ask the children to sit in a circle and place the plastic eggs in the middle. This is the dinosaur nest. The children take turns opening two eggs. If the contents are the same, set the eggs aside. If they are not, close the eggs again. Continue until all objects have been paired.



Dinosaur Spines

Requirements: ten cones, smartphone or stopwatch

Place cones some distance apart. Tell the children that they are walking across a dinosaur's back. They must walk quietly and quickly so the dinosaur doesn't wake up. The children take turns weaving through the cones. If you want, you can record their times.

Vary by creating two groups and two sets of cones. Two children leave at the same time. When they return, they tag the next child, who may leave immediately. Which group completes the course first? But shh... or they might wake the dinosaurs!

Sharp Teeth

Requirements: craft sticks, glue, white paper, scissors

Dinosaurs have sharp, triangular teeth, and sometimes they lose one. You can find them in the forest! Create dinosaur teeth by gluing craft popsicle sticks onto a sheet of paper in a triangle. Cut off the excess paper and decorate the teeth. Hide the dinosaur teeth and tell the children that they may go exploring! Can the children find all the dinosaur teeth?

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