



Animals

Playgroup Activities

6-12 years old



Step 1 – Watch, listen & read the lesson

- My First Chinese Words CDRom lessons 2 & 3
- Fun Chinese Level I Lessons 2 & 3
- My First Chinese Words Audio CD lessons 2 & 3
- My First Chinese Words Books “Who is this?” and “What is your name?”
- My First Chinese Reader Lesson 2 & 17 (vol 2) “What is your name?” “Lovely Pet”

Step 2 – Prepare your supplies

- construction paper
- glue stick or glue
- scissors
- markers, feathers, wiggle eyes, yarn, lunch size paper bags
- buttons, felt & an old sock



Step 3 – Activities

1. Animal Puppets from paper bags or socks – hold a puppet show and act out the lesson.
 - a. Paper Bag animal puppets – turn the bottom of a small paper bag into an animal head by adding heads, legs, arms, bodies, ears and eyes from construction paper. Accessorize your puppet with feathers, wiggle eyes, yarn or glitter pens.
 - b. Sock puppets – turn a sock into an animal puppet by gluing on wiggle eyes, felt ears, tails, button eyes and yarn.
 - c. Use the puppet to pretend you are a cat, dog, bird or other animal from book 3.
2. Animal Masks
 - a. Cut out holes for the eyes on your paper plate. Add construction paper ears, noses, mouths and add yarn whiskers or feathers. Glue onto paper plates to make animal masks.
 - b. Use the mask to pretend you are a cat, dog, bird or other animal from book 3.
3. Make a special page in your scrapbook for your pet or favorite toy.
4. Gather your child’s stuffed animals and have them act out “Who is this” and “What is your name” with funny voices.
5. Guess who I am? Take turns making animal sounds and asking “Who is this – Zhe4 shi4 shei2?” and “What is my name – Wo3 jiao4 shen2 me ming2 zi?”



6. Combine the family names and animal names into a game. If you have more than one toy dog, name one of them the Dog Mama or Dog Baba. Go around naming your toy animals.
7. Sing the 2 songs from Fun Chinese Level 1 Lessons 2 & 3 “Little Girl of the Greenhouse” and “Sister Weiwei”
8. Practice writing the radical for moon featured in My First Chinese Exercises as well as the character for fish from the Happy Character stories on Fun Chinese on large graph paper.