

Giraffes Can't Dance **Fun Activities and Book Suggestions for Families**

Math:

Giraffe Spots

First print out a copy of a giraffe for each child. Next write individual numbers all over the giraffe's body (or simple number sentences if the child is older).

After that, grab your dice and you are ready to play!

To play, each child will have a giraffe printable with numbers on it. Take turns rolling the dice. Whatever number you roll, you then must place a piece of cereal over the same number on the giraffe! Play again and again (taking turns) until someone's card is filled up completely!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B7O7K83TCScYX0ZxbkIMWjIubU0/edit>



Music and Movement:

Dance Painting

Painting is a form of creative expression, as is dance. Combine them and you have a dance activity that is fun and interesting. You will need some kid-friendly paints, a few bowls to make the colors, and a non-skid, washable plain mat for the floor. You can also use a large piece of white paper.

How to play:

1. Have your child stand on the mat.
2. Let him/her dip their feet into a color bowl of choice and take a position.
3. Start playing music and ask your child to tap and move their feet.
4. When your child is done dancing, you will have a colorful abstract painting on the mat.



Music video

"Giraffes Can't Dance" put to music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62O9EjrEVUc>

Language Arts:

Kindness Jar

Create an ENCOURAGE OTHERS jar in your home. When you hear anyone in your family encouraging others, add an entry to the jar with the person's name and what they said. Have a celebration when the jar is full and read out all the encouraging words!

If you and your child enjoyed reading *Giraffes Can't Dance*, be sure to check out these books too:

- ***Giraffe Problems*** by Jory John
- ***National Geographic Readers: Giraffes*** by Laura Marsh
- ***A Giraffe and a Half*** by Shel Silverstein