



# At the Zoo

## Conscious Discipline:

### 4 Myths & Truths About Empathy

- Myth #1: ❌ The opposite behavior of empathy is self-centeredness ✅ Truth: The opposite behavior of empathy is blame
- Myth #2: ❌ Empathy is about “happying-up” ✅ Truth: Empathy is about acceptance and responsibility
- Myth #3: ❌ Empathy is a way to excuse poor choices ✅ Truth: Empathy expands responsibility
- Myth #4: ❌ Empathy is not for everyone ✅ Truth: Empathy is part of our genetic makeup

## This Week:

Monday and Tuesday: Children will hear the story "Animal Boogie" and we will talk about animal sounds while eating animal crackers.

Wednesday and Thursday: Children will paint zoo scenes with cookie cutter animals and will paint pictures using monkey tails.

Friday: Children will play a color identification and counting game. They will wear aprons and pretend to be kangaroos while they hop to pick up items for their pouch.

## This week's books:

- "Giraffe's Can't Dance" by Giles Andreae  
"Animal Strike at the Zoo" by Karma Wilson  
"What Do you Do With a Tail Like This?" by Steve Jenkins  
"Zoo Babies" by Georgeanne Irvine  
"Rumble in the Jungle" by Giles Andreae

## Dates to remember:

May 25, 2018- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

June 11, 2018- FIRST DAY OF SUMMER SESSION

## Skills at home:

The weather is warming up quickly and summer is almost here! There's nothing more fun for a child than digging in dirt. Give your child a bucket and a shovel and they will have endless entertainment. Not only is it fun, it helps develop motor skills and hand/eye coordination!



### **Bible Story:**

- **Jesus sat in the temple and watched as people came in and put their money in the money box.**
- **A widow came in. The lady's husband had died and she was alone. Slowly she walked up to the money box.**
- **She reached out her hand and quietly dropped two coins into the box. Jesus watched.**
- **Jesus said, "This poor woman gave more to the temple than anyone else. Some gave a lot of money, but they had much more they could give. This woman gave all the money she had. She gave all of her money instead of keeping some for herself."**

### **Bible Song:**

**Sung to "Mary Had a Little Lamb"**

**We are told to give our all**

**Give our all**

**Give our all.**

**We are told to give our all**

**joyfully to God.**