



Title: We're Going on a Lion Hunt

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Age Range: 3-5

Topics/Themes: Lions, classmates, movement, terrain, repetition, journeys, stories in song

Vocabulary: Lion, preposition words (over, under, through, etc.)

See examples of this book read loud here: [We're Going on a Lion Hunt](#)

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

I. COMPONENTS OF BOOK (REVIEW EACH SESSION)

- a. Author, Illustrator (roles of each)
- b. Title; front and back covers; spine

II. INTRODUCTION (PREP QUESTIONS)

- What do you see on the cover?
- What do we know about lions? Have you ever seen a lion?
- How would you find a lion?

III. STORY TIME

a. Discussion Questions

- Would you have a lion as a pet or are they wild?
- Discuss other animals on the pages.
- Let's review the obstacles we faced as we took our lion hunt, first we saw mud, a lake, a gate, tall grass, and finally a cave.

b. Other

- Prior to the story review the action terms: going over, through, under, between, behind, etc. Use a small object or bring something from home (to demonstrate going through take strips of paper or ribbon and mount/ glue down edges on a stick or straw) to demonstrate these actions.
- Reenact the lion hunt, running in place, pretending that you are swimming, etc.
- **AHEAD OF TIME:** Dress up for Safari! (see example, right)

c. Related Songs, Rhymes, & Finger Plays

Going On a Lion Hunt:

I'm not afraid.

I'm going to catch me a BIG lion!

(Spread arms to demonstrate the word "big" as you say the word.)

But look!

What's that ahead?

(Raise your head to your forehead, as though you were looking far away.)

Uh-oh.

There's mud ahead!

Can't go over it.

Can't go under it.

Can't go around it.

Better go through it.

(Make sloshing sounds and move hands and feet as if wading through mud.)



Uh-oh.
There's a lake ahead.
Can't go over it.
Can't go under it.
Can't go around it.
Better swim through it.
(Make swimming motions.)
Uh-oh.
There's a gate ahead.
Can't go over it.
Can't go under it.
Can't go around it.
Better go through it.
(Gesture as if you open a gate, walk through, and close it.)
Uh-oh.
There's tall grass ahead.
Can't go over it.
Can't go under it.
Can't go around it.
We'd better crawl through it.
(If room permits, children can crawl around.)
There's a cave ahead.
Can't go over it.
Can't go under it.
Can't go around it.
Guess we'll have to walk into it.
It's dark in here.
I see two shining lights.
feel something furry.
I feel a c-c-c-cold nose.
I feel s-s-s-sharp teeth.
It's a lion!!!
(Shiver and make terrified faces.)
Run out of the cave!
Crawl through the grass!
Open the gate!
Swim across the lake!
Wade through the mud!
Run into the house!
Close the door!
Run up the front stairs!
Crawl under your bed!
read a book!

IV. SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

- Pasta Craft - Paint a paper plate with orange paint and then add pasta spirals to form the lion's mane. Decorate with paint and google eyes.
- Discuss sequencing: What obstacles did the kids have to go around, through, etc.
- Make a nutritious lion sandwich. Decorate with raisins and shredded carrot.



Grab your binoculars, we're going on a lion hunt! We're Going on a Lion Hunt is a fun action song for kids. It helps introduce prepositions to young children. Get this song on iTunes: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/top-30-award-winning-kindergarten/id1034647660> Kid Song Lyrics, Music & Video. 3,000+ Children Songs to Discover on <http://bussongs.com/> "Going on a Lion Hunt"™ video is a fun educational video for kids and parents. Let's go on a lion hunt! Sure is dark in here What's that in the corner I feel 2 big ears X 2 I feel 1 wet nose X 2 I feel 2 sharp teeth X2 I know what that is It's a lion. Let's get out of here. Let's run out of the cave step step step. Include the version, We're Going on a Bear Hunt too! We're Going on a Lion Hunt and more fun songs for kids! Include the version, We're Going on a Bear Hunt too! The Kiboomers - Kids Music Channel. We're going on a lion hunt, We're not afraid! Got my canteen by my side, And my binoculars too. Coming up to long grass now Can't go under it -- Can't go around it -- We'll have to go through it! swoosh, swoosh, swoosh, swoosh (push grass aside with big hand movements). We're going on a lion hunt, We're not afraid! Got my canteen by my side, And my binoculars too. Coming up to mud now Can't go under it -- Can't go around it -- We'll have to go through it! squelch, squelch, squelch, squelch (raises hands slowly off the ground as if stuck in mud). We're going on a lion hunt, We're not afraid! Got my canteen by my side, And my binoculars too. Coming up to a bridge now Can't go under it -- Can't go around it -- We'll have to go through it!