

Story Time:

Family Activity Sheet

Prepare for naptime with a reading of **Bedtime for Sweet Creatures** from acclaimed illustrator, Elizabeth Zunon.



Synopsis: Mommy needs to wrangle her sweet creature into bed so that the whole family can sleep. From tigers to squirrels to snakes, the little boy dodges around his bedtime, until he is tired enough to finally sleep. His imaginative animal friends weave their way through the illustrations, eventually joining him in curling up for the night.

[Click here to purchase the book](#)

Discussion

After Reading the Book:

- How did the little boy feel when it was time to go to bed?
- How did Mommy convince him to follow her to his bedroom?
- Where did the little boy go before he went to bed?
- What animals did you hear in the story?
- What is your favorite bedtime story?

Reginald F. Lewis Museum Connection

The Museum has many collections including the McMillan African Art Collection featuring animal statues and masks. This photo shows an antelope mask from the Bobo Tribe in Burkina Faso. The Bobo people make lots of animal masks and believe that animal spirits such as the warthog, antelope, hawk, and serpent are present in the masks.

This carved mask shows curved horns, small ears and a snout decorated with red, black, and white pigments. These masks are worn during ceremonies related to crops and farming.

[See more of the McMillan African Art Collection.](#)



Family Activities

Animal Art Project: Create your own set of animals using household items.

You will need: Paper plates (2 per animal)
Craft sticks, toothpicks and/or yarn
Construction or scrapbook paper
Markers/Crayons/Colored Pencils
Scissors
Glue Stick/Liquid Glue/Tape

Instructions:

1. Use 1-2 paper plates to cut out the head and body of each animal.
2. Connect the head and body. Depending on your animal use paper to create a neck.
Example: a giraffe needs a long neck; a elephant doesn't need a neck.
3. Use the tape or liquid glue to adhere the craft sticks, toothpicks, or yarn to the body to create the legs of the animal. The number of legs will depend on the animal.
4. Cut out small pieces of paper to decorate the head and body. Glue them down.
5. Cut out your animal's features from the paper or yarn. Make eyes, a nose, horns, or a tail. Glue them down to the head or body.



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Animal Mask: Decorate your own animal mask using the template below. [Explore the McMillan African Art Collection for inspiration.](#)

