



WHITE HANDED GIBBON

Hylobates lar

Conservation Status: Endangered

Chaz:

- Female
- Blonde fur
- Born in 1984
- Came to Blank Park Zoo in 1996

Siam:

- Male
- Black fur
- Born in 1988
- Came to Blank Park Zoo in 1998

Chaz's favorite enrichment, or toys, are mirrors; she enjoys making faces in the mirror at herself!

In the wild, white handed gibbons can be found in the tropical rainforests of South and Southeast Asia.

Gibbons live in bonded pairs and will sing to each other to strengthen their bonds. Zoo visitors can enjoy hearing Chaz and Siam sing to each other daily.

Continue for some fun activities to do related to our white handed gibbons both at home and while visiting the zoo!

AT HOME ACTIVITIES

Family Storytime

Time: 10 minutes • Materials: Story Book

Here's what to do...

1. Find a comfy place for you to sit and relax for a few minutes. Don't forget to grab your book!
2. Now let's read your story! Be sure to take your time; sound out any words that may be difficult and enjoy the illustrations if they are there.
3. Questions to think about as you read:
 - a. What will happen next in the book?
 - b. How would you feel if you were in this book, having what was happening in the book happen to you?
 - c. What can you find in the books images? Any hidden objects or animals?

Find your favorite animal book from home and find a cozy place to read together.



AT HOME ACTIVITIES

Nature Play Sorting Game

Time: 20 minutes • Materials: A sectioned item (ex: egg carton, tic tac toe board, chess board, etc.)

Here's what to do...

1. Start by finding some items throughout your house; or look outside in your backyard, neighborhood, or park! You can choose whatever you want, like toys, rocks, pinecones, or leaves.
2. Bring your sorting sheet along, or even draw your own sorting boxes with chalk on a sidewalk.
3. Let your child's creativity fly! Be there as a play partner, but let them lead. Here are some prompts you can use to support their nature play:
 - a. Why did you put those items together?
 - b. Wow! Look at all of these items you've sorted!
 - c. How many items are in each pile?

Find big items! Or small ones.
Find pointy items. Or smooth!
Sort and find whatever you like.



AT THE ZOO ACTIVITIES

Animal Poses - Yoga at the Zoo

Time: Throughout your visit • Materials: None (optional - a journal to add any new poses you find!)

Here's what to do...

1. Look at the animals you see around you! Are they standing, sitting, or resting in ways that you wouldn't normally do yourself? Give it a try!

a. See if you can balance like a flamingo, or stretch like a sea lion. Try meditating like a lemur or spreading out like a sea star.

2. Now for the fun part... what other animal poses do you want to try out?! Help your little ones find new animal poses to try. Be creative!



AT THE ZOO ACTIVITIES

Animal Songs - Karaoke at the Zoo

Time: Throughout your visit • Materials: Karaoke Card, crayon

Here's what to do...

- Let's use our ears: What do you hear at the zoo?
 - Do you hear the lion roar? Or the eagle laugh? Every time you hear an animal at the zoo, go on an adventure to find out who made that call, and mark it off below! Add any you find not listed, and bring a journal along just encase you find more.
- Now for some added fun - try to mimic those animal sounds! See how well you and your family or friends can roar like a lion or whine like a rhino. Have fun with it and be creative.

