Facts about Monkeys:

- There are currently 264 known monkey species.
- Monkeys can be divided into two groups, Old World monkeys that live in Africa and Asia, and New World monkeys that live in South America.
- A baboon is an example of an Old World monkey, while a marmoset is an example of a New World monkey.
- Apes are not monkeys.
- Some monkeys live on the ground, while others live in trees.
- Different monkey species eat a variety of foods, such as fruit, insects, flowers, leaves and reptiles.
- Monkeys have tails.
- Groups of monkeys are known as a ‘tribe’, ‘troop’ or ‘mission’.

Chunky Monkey Trail Mix

Monkeys love fruits, nuts, and seeds. Make this version with your monkeys.

1/2 cup almonds         1/2 cup dried bananas
1/2 cup peanuts        1/2 cup dried mango
1/4 cup sunflower seeds 1/2 cup dried pineapple
1/4 cup coconut flakes

Mix together and enjoy. Put in snack baggies to take to the park where you can play on the monkey bars.
Let’s Monkey Around

Five Monkeys and an Alligator

Five little monkeys swinging in a tree,
Teasing Mr. Alligator "Can't catch me!"
Along came Mr. Alligator quiet as can be,
And snatched that monkey out of that tree!

Four little monkeys swinging in a tree,
Teasing Mr. Alligator "Can't catch me!"
Along came Mr. Alligator quiet as can be,
And snatched that monkey out of that tree!

Three little monkeys swinging in a tree,
Teasing Mr. Alligator "Can't catch me!"
Along came Mr. Alligator quiet as can be,
And snatched that monkey out of that tree!

Two little monkeys swinging in a tree,
Teasing Mr. Alligator "Can't catch me!"
Along came Mr. Alligator quiet as can be,
And snatched that monkey out of that tree!

One little monkey swinging in a tree,
Teasing Mr. Alligator "Can't catch me!"
Along came Mr. Alligator quiet as can be,
And snatched that monkey out of that tree!

No more monkeys swinging in a tree!

Kids love to play Like a Monkey as they can be as noisy, funny and goofy as they like! This kids’ activity is also a wonderful way to get kids to meet each other and become friends – especially energetic monkey friends.

Need: music and plenty of room.

Have the kids spread out as they will need plenty of room. Start the music and give instructions such as:

- Walk like a monkey
- Laugh like a monkey
- Swing like a monkey
- Chatter like a monkey

This is a party activity that allows the children to release some energy and express themselves creatively.

To calm them down, ask the children to do more sedate activities such as:

- Yawn like a monkey
- Lie down like a monkey

The kids will have a great time playing this game and enjoy themselves immensely.

Check Out These Books About Monkeys

*Monkey: Trickster Tale from India* by Gerald McDermott
*Manners Are Not for Monkeys* by Heather Tekaves
*Putting Monkeys to Bed* by Gennifer Choldenko
*When Monkeys Won’t Go to Bed* by Susanna Leonard Hill
*Quick! Little Monkey!* by Sarah L. Thompson