

JUNGLE SAFARI

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mowgli Learns the Law of the Pack

Sam Houston Area Council

Divide the audience into 6 groups. Assign each group one of the words listed below. When their item is mentioned in the story, the assigned group should shout the designated saying. Have a practice session before starting the story.

MOWGLI: "I'm ready to learn!"

AKELA: "Leader of the Pack"

BALOO: GROWL

WOLF (and WOLVES): HOWL

PACK: "Do Your Best"

JUNGLE: screeching sounds like monkeys

Long ago in the **JUNGLES** of India a small boy was separated from his family when his village was raided by the fierce tiger, Shere Khan. Amazingly, the boy was found and cared for by a family of **WOLVES** who lived in the **JUNGLE**. The **WOLVES** named the boy **MOWGLI** and welcomed him as one of their own **WOLF** cubs.

The wise leader of the **WOLF PACK** was named **AKELA**. The **WOLF** family asked him if **MOWGLI** could join their **PACK**. At the next **PACK** council **AKELA** asked, "Who speaks for this cub?"

At first there was no answer, but finally **BALOO**, the wise, old brown bear who taught the **WOLF** cubs the Law of the **PACK**, stood up on his hind paws and said, "I speak for the man-cub. I, **BALOO**, will teach him the Law of the **PACK**."

So, **AKELA** accepted **MOWGLI**, the man-cub into the **PACK**. And this is how **MOWGLI** came to live with the **WOLF** family in the **JUNGLE** and learn the ways of a **WOLF** cub. As **MOWGLI** grew older, he learned the ways of the **JUNGLE**, too. **BALOO** taught **MOWGLI** and the **WOLF** cubs about the dangers of the **JUNGLE** and the secret language of the **JUNGLE** animals. They learned which animals were friends, like Bagheera, the black panther, and which were not, like Shere Khan, the tiger.

BALOO told **MOWGLI** to always listen to and follow **AKELA**, the **WOLF** leader. **BALOO** also taught **MOWGLI** to always think of the other **WOLF** cubs in the **PACK** and to take care of each other. The wise bear showed **MOWGLI** that the **WOLF** cubs in the **PACK** can learn things from each other when they work and play together. The **WOLF** cubs and **MOWGLI** learned to help others in the **JUNGLE**, too.

Though **BALOO** did his best to teach **MOWGLI** how to stay safe in the **JUNGLE**, there were times when the man-cub got into trouble. **MOWGLI** discovered that he needed **AKELA**, **BALOO**, and his older friends in the **JUNGLE** to teach him things that would protect him. If he followed the Law of the **PACK**, one day **MOWGLI** would become wise like his leaders in the **JUNGLE**.

The Mighty Hunter

Heart of America Council

Lion: Loud roar

Tarzan: “A-aahhh (Tarzan yell)”

Cheta: “Chee, chee, chee,” with chimpanzee movements

Mighty Hunter: “Ready, aim.”

Last August, a MIGHTY HUNTER decided to go on a LION hunt in the jungles of Africa. The MIGHTY HUNTER wanted more than anything to get the head of a LION for a trophy. After getting all his equipment together and saying good-bye to his friends, this MIGHTY HUNTER boarded the plane to Africa for an exciting LION hunt.

A long flight brought the MIGHTY HUNTER to the jungles and who should meet the plane, but TARZAN and his chimpanzee friend CHETA. The MIGHTY HUNTER was delighted to meet the famous TARZAN, and CHETA proved to be such fun to play with, the MIGHTY HUNTER almost forgot about going on the great LION hunt.

The following morning, TARZAN woke the MIGHTY HUNTER, telling him CHETA was ready for breakfast. After a fantastic breakfast of toast, eggs, bacon, milk, and fresh fruit, the MIGHTY HUNTER prepared himself for the LION hunt. With his jungle hat on his head and his gun in hand, the MIGHTY HUNTER, TARZAN, and CHETA started out in the jeep to look for a LION.

It was almost noon when CHETA started making strange noises and jumping up and down wildly. TARZAN who knew CHETA’s moods, told the MIGHTY HUNTER that CHETA could smell a LION. The MIGHTY HUNTER took a deep breath and felt himself breathing faster and faster. Just about that time, TARZAN had stepped out of the jeep with CHETA close by his heels. The MIGHTY HUNTER followed and, watching ever-so-closely, saw TARZAN point to a group of trees about sixty yards away.

Almost hypnotized, the MIGHTY HUNTER, TARZAN, and CHETA watched as a tiny LION cub made his way toward them. TARZAN carefully led the way to the tiny cub, picked him up, and proceeded cautiously to the clump of trees. There the MIGHTY HUNTER saw the mother of the cub dead on the ground. Some animals had evidently killed the mother LION while she tried to protect the baby cub. The animals had heard the jeep coming and had run away. The MIGHTY HUNTER realized they had saved the life of the tiny LION cub. TARZAN was not surprised when the MIGHTY HUNTER announced his hunting trip was over. Instead of the MIGHTY HUNTER taking home a LION head trophy, he took home a real live LION cub for the zoo so that the LION cub could receive proper care and many people could enjoy watching the LION cub grow up.

But what a surprise, as he walked up the boarding ramp to the plane to go home, CHETA ran after him, gave him a kiss, right on the cheek of the MIGHTY HUNTER.

Why Gorillas Don't Have Tails

Simon Kenton Council

TAIL/TAILS Place hand behind back and wave like a tail, and say "Swish, Swish"

GORILLA..... "Look at me"

ELEPHANT..... Use arms as trunk and make elephant trumpeting noise

PARROT..... Arms as wings, "Caw, caw"

MONKEY..... Scratch sides, make monkey noises

LION..... Shake head and roar

JUNGLE..... All sounds and actions together

Did you know that long ago when the JUNGLE... was young, GORILLAS... were born with long, beautiful, bushy TAILS... Their TAILS ... were more useful than the MONKEY'S... more expressive than the LION'S... more colorful than the PARROT'S... and stronger than an ELEPHANT'S... trunk.

That would've been okay with the rest of the JUNGLE... animals, too, except that the GORILLAS... were always showing off every chance they got. When the LIONS... were gently swaying their TAILS... so that all would know they were content, the GORILLAS... would sit next to them and make their TAILS... move in such a way that it looked like dancing.

When the MONKEY'S... would hang from the trees by their TAILS... so their hands and feet were free to peel bananas, the GORILLAS... would do them one better and actually peel their bananas with their TAILS... while they swung back and forth with their feet, teasing the MONKEYS...

When the ELEPHANTS... would work hard to lift a fallen tree from their path, the GORILLAS... would want to play tug-of-war with them, and of course, the ELEPHANTS... always lost to the superior strength of the GORILLAS'... TAILS...

The PARROTS... were tired of hearing about how gorgeous the GORILLA'S.... TAILS... were, after all, the colors of the PARROT... were very pretty, too. One PARROT... decided to trick the GORILLAS... Into hiding their TAILS...

He told all the other JUNGLE... animals that he had overheard the villagers planning to come and a steal the GORILLAS'... TAILS.. . Soon the story spread throughout the JUNGLE... to the GORILLAS... who took off their TAILS...and hid them deep in the JUNGLE...

From then on, whenever a LION... MONKEY... PARROT... or ELEPHANT... saw a GORILLA... with his TAIL... on, they would remind him of the villagers. And to this day, the GORILLAS... are still hiding their TAILS... much to the pleasure of all the other JUNGLE... animals. At least, that's the TALE... a PARROT... told me—

Ging Gang Gooli

The story of THE GREAT GRAY GHOST ELEPHANT

(Divide group into 4 parts to sing Ging Gang Gooli)

In deepest darkest Africa there is a legend concerning the Great Gray Ghost Elephant. Every year after the rains the great gray ghost elephant arose from the mists and wandered throughout the land at dawn. When he came to a village he would stop and sniff the air, then he would either go around the village or through it. If he went around the village, the village would have a prosperous year, if he went through it there would be hunger and drought.

The village of Wat-cha had been visited three years in a row by the elephant and things were very bad indeed, and the village leader Ging-ganga, was very worried, as was the village medicine man Hay-la-shay. Together they decided to do something about the problem.

Now Ging-ganga and his warriors were huge men with big shields and spears and they decided to stand in the path of the elephant and shake their shields and spears at it to frighten it off. Hay-la-shay and his followers were going to cast magic spells to deter the elephant by shaking their medicine bags as the elephant approached, which made the sound shallawally shallawally shallawally.

Very early in the morning of the day the Great Gray Elephant came the villagers gathered at the edge of the village. On one side were Ging-ganga and his warriors (indicate right side of camp fire circle) on the other was Hay-la-shay and his followers (indicate left side of camp fire) As they waited the warriors sang softly about their leader; Ging Gang Gooli, Gooli, Gooli, Gooli Watcha, Ging Gang Goo Ging Gang Goo, Ging Gang Gooli, Gooli, Gooli, Gooli Watcha, Ging Gang Goo Ging Gang Goo.

As they waited the medicine men sang of their leader; Hayla, Hayla Shayla. Hayla Shayla Hayla Ho-o-o! Hayla, Hayla Shayla Hayla Shayla Hayla Ho-o-o! And shook their medicine bags, shallawally shallawally shallawally shallawally.

And from the river came the mighty great gray elephant's reply (Have all the adults do this) Oompah, Oompah, Oompah, Oompah! The elephant was coming closer so the warriors beat their shields and sang louder, (signal warriors to stand and beat thighs in time) Ging Gang Gooli, Gooli, Gooli, Gooli Watcha Ging Gang Goo Ging Gang Goo Ging Gang Gooli, Gooli, Gooli, Gooli Watcha Ging Gang Goo Ging Gang Goo.

Then the medicine men rose and sang loudly Hayla, Hayla Shayla Hayla Shayla Hayla Ho-o-o! Hayla, Hayla Shayla Hayla Shayla Hayla Ho-o-o! And shook their medicine bags shallawally shallawally shallawally shallawally.

And the mighty great gray elephant turned aside and went around the village saying, Oompah, Oompah, Oompah, Oompah! There was great rejoicing in the village and all the villagers joined together to sing,

GING GANG GOOLI.....

Ging gang Gooli, Gooli, Gooli, Gooli, watcha
Ging gang goo, ging gang goo
Ging gang Gooli, Gooli, Gooli, Gooli, watcha
Ging gang goo, ging gang goo.

Hayla, hayla shayla,
Hayla Shayla, hayla ho-o-o
Hayla, hayla Shayla,
Hayla Shayla hayla ho.

Shully wully, Shully wully, Shully wully, Shully wully

Oompah, Oompah, Oompah, Oompah, Oompah, Oompah.