

Snow Leopard Superpowers: A Creative Adventure!

Materials You'll Need:

- White and grey paper or cardstock
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Scissors (child-safe)
- Glue or tape
- Optional: Cotton balls, glitter (for snow effect)
- Optional: Shoebox or small cardboard box (for diorama)
- Pencil and notebook/paper for writing
- Access to internet for research (adult supervised) or age-appropriate wildlife books/videos about snow leopards

Lesson Adventure Plan:

Part 1: Meet the Ghost of the Mountains! (15-20 minutes)

Welcome, young wildlife explorer! Today, we're going on an adventure to learn about one of the most mysterious and amazing cats in the world – the snow leopard! They are sometimes called the 'Ghost of the Mountains' because they are so good at hiding.

Let's Discover:

- Use your wildlife books or (with adult help) look up some fun facts and short videos online about snow leopards. What do they look like? Where do they live? What do they eat? What makes them special?
- **Think like a detective:** As you learn, jot down or draw 3-5 super cool things about snow leopards. What are their 'superpowers'? (Example: Big paws like snowshoes, a long tail for balance, amazing camouflage!)

Part 2: Creative Camouflage! Snow Leopard Art (25-30 minutes)

Snow leopards are masters of disguise! Their spotted coats help them blend into the snowy, rocky mountains. Let's get creative and make our own camouflaged snow leopard!

Your Mission:

1. Take a piece of white or light grey paper. This will be your snowy mountain background.
2. On another piece of paper, draw the outline of a snow leopard. Think about its long body and fluffy tail.
3. Now, use your markers, crayons, or colored pencils to give your snow leopard its spots! Remember, their spots (called rosettes) are greyish to yellowish tan with dark grey to black open rings. Try to make it look like it could hide in the mountains.
4. Carefully cut out your snow leopard.
5. Glue your snow leopard onto your snowy mountain background. Can you make it look like it's hiding? Add some mountains, rocks, or snow (maybe use cotton balls for snow!) to complete the scene.

Think & Share: How does its camouflage help the snow leopard survive?

Part 3: A Snow Leopard's Story (20-25 minutes)

Imagine you are a snow leopard cub exploring your mountain home for the first time. What do you see, hear, and feel? What adventures might you have?

Your Mission:

- Write a short story (it can be just a few sentences or a whole page!) or draw a comic strip about a day in the life of a snow leopard cub.
- Think about:
 - What challenges might the cub face? (Finding food, staying warm, learning to hunt)
 - What playful things might it do? (Playing with its siblings, exploring a cave)
 - How does it use its 'superpowers' (adaptations) you learned about?

Optional Challenge: Can you include a message about why it's important to protect snow leopards and their homes?

Part 4: Show and Tell, Explorer! (10-15 minutes)

Time to share your amazing creations!

- Show your snow leopard art. Point out how you used camouflage.
- Read your snow leopard story or explain your comic strip.
- Tell me (or a family member) three fascinating things you learned about snow leopards today.
- What was your favorite part of our snow leopard adventure?

Explorer Reflection: Snow leopards are incredible animals, and by learning about them and sharing what we know, we can help protect them. Great job today, Super Snow Leopard Expert!