

Introduction: Meet the Clever Jackal! (Approx. 15 minutes)

Hello, Jackal Explorer! Did you know jackals are some of the most resourceful and adaptable animals in the wild? They are like nature's survival experts! Let's start our adventure by watching a short, fun video about jackals (search for 'jackal facts for kids' on a safe video platform with parental guidance) or by looking at some amazing pictures of them online or in books. What's the first thing that makes you curious about jackals?

Today, we're going on an expedition to learn all about these fascinating creatures. We'll find out where they live, what they eat, how they raise their families, and some of their 'superpowers' that help them thrive!

Activity 1: Jackal Investigator - Fact Finding Mission! (Approx. 45-60 minutes)

Time to put on your detective hat! Choose one type of jackal to focus on (like the Black-backed Jackal, Side-striped Jackal, or Golden Jackal). Using kid-safe internet resources (like National Geographic Kids, DK Find Out, or Kiddle) or library books, find out:

- **What does it look like?** (Size, fur color, special features)
- **Where in the world does it live?** (Continents, countries)
- **What is its habitat like?** (e.g., savanna, desert, woodland, mountains)
- **What's on its menu?** (What does it eat? Is it a hunter, a scavenger, or both?)
- **Who are its family and friends?** (Does it live alone, in pairs, or in packs?)
- **What are some of its amazing adaptations or cool behaviors?** (e.g., its howl, hunting skills, how it cares for young)
- **Are there any threats to jackals?** (Are they endangered? What problems do they face?)

Jot down your cool facts in your notebook. These clues will help you with your next missions!

Activity 2: Create a Jackal's World - Habitat Diorama! (Approx. 60-90 minutes)

Now, let's bring your jackal's home to life! Using your shoebox and craft supplies, create a diorama (a 3D model) of the habitat for the jackal species you researched.

- Think about the landscape: Is it grassy, sandy, rocky, or full of trees? Use construction paper, paint, or natural materials like sand or small twigs.
- What plants would be there? Create them from paper or clay.
- Don't forget your jackal! Use modeling clay or draw and cut out your jackal to place in its habitat. You can even add other animals that might live nearby or food sources.
- Be creative and show off what you learned about its environment! How does this habitat help the jackal survive?

Activity 3: A Day in the Life - Jackal Adventures! (Approx. 30-45 minutes)

Imagine you are the jackal you researched! What would a day be like for you? Choose one of these creative options:

- **Write a Short Story:** 'My Awesome Day as a Jackal'. Describe what you see, hear, eat, and do from morning till night. Include some true facts you learned about its behavior and habitat.
- **Create a Comic Strip:** Illustrate a fun or exciting adventure your jackal has. Use speech

bubbles and captions to tell the story, making sure to include details about its life.

This is your chance to show how well you understand your jackal's daily life and its personality!

Activity 4: Be a Jackal Protector! Conservation Corner (Approx. 30 minutes)

Jackals, like all wild animals, face challenges. Using your research about threats to jackals, think about how we can help them.

- Design a colorful and informative poster that tells people why jackals are important and one thing they can do to help protect jackals or their habitats.
- Alternatively, write a short 'Jackal Conservation Plan' with two or three ideas.

Think about what message you want to share to help these amazing animals!

Wrap-up & Explorer's Showcase! (Approx. 15 minutes)

Great job, Jackal Explorer! It's time to share your amazing creations:

- Present your diorama and explain the key features of your jackal's habitat.
- Read your 'Day in the Life' story or share your comic strip.
- Showcase your conservation poster or explain your conservation plan.

Let's talk about it: What was the most surprising or interesting thing you learned about jackals today? What makes them special? Do you have any new questions about them?

Extension Ideas (Optional Adventures):

- **Jackal Sounds:** Listen to recordings of jackal calls online. Can you try to mimic them? What do you think they are communicating?
- **Canid Comparison:** How are jackals similar to or different from other canids like wolves, foxes, or domestic dogs? Do a quick research comparison.
- **Jackals in Stories:** Explore folklore or stories from different cultures that feature jackals. What roles do they play in these tales?