

# ACTIVITY TIME

## Giraffes Can't Dance

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A special 20th anniversary edition of this much-loved picture book classic. Gerald giraffe would love to join in with the other animals at the Jungle Dance but everyone knows that giraffes can't dance... or can they? A funny, touching and triumphant story about being yourself and finding your own tune.

### Let's Dance!

#### You will need:

- You and your child
- Music (optional).

#### What to do:

1. Play or sing your child's favourite songs and dance together!
2. Try some slow and fast songs and move in different ways.

#### More ideas:

You might like to colour in the mask template provided. You could use this in your concert.

Put on your own show or dance concert. Try a few simple dress-ups such as hats, scarves, sunglasses or shoes. Some teddies or toys can be your audience. Let the show begin!

#### STEM Focus

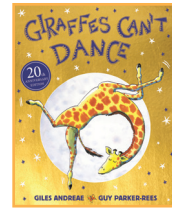
Music and movement are fun, and a wonderful way to learn more about rhythm, energy, noise and sounds. Help your child clap, or stomp your feet together while you count to the beat. Move your bodies quickly and slowly, up, down and around. These simple activities are using play to support your child's learning about STEM concepts.

#### Songs to sing

*Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes, Teddy Bear Teddy Bear, and If You're Happy and You Know it.*

#### Key message:

Children learn through being engaged and doing.



**Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.**



**\*You can introduce simple Science Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) concepts to children aged 2+ years through every day play.**

