

MALI Story Time

Books:

Diakite, Baba Wague. *The Hatseller and the Monkeys: A West African Folktale*. New York: Scholastic, 1999.

Diakite, Baba Wague. *The Hunterman and the Crocodile: A West African Folktale*. New York: Scholastic, 1997.

Diakite, Baba Wague. *Mee-An and the Magic Serpent: A Folktale from Mali*. Berkley, CA: House of Anansi Press, 2007.

Isadora, Rachel. *The Twelve Dancing Princesses*. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2007.

Winter, Jeanette. *My Baby*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Girous, 2001.

Wisniewski, David. *Sundiata: Lion King of Mali*. New York: Clarion, 2002.

Music:

Ellipsis Arts. *African Lullaby*. 1999.

Finger play:

Five Little Monkeys swinging from a tree And... SNAP!

Teasing Mr. Crocodile Four little monkeys...

Can't catch me Three little monkeys...

Along came Mr. Crocodile Two little monkeys...

Quiet as can be

Craft:

Make your own Mancala game

Egg cartons, Altoids mint tins, paint, paint brushes, beans or stones, rules to Mancala, a pouch for the stones

There are many other versions of rules to the game available in books and on the internet.

Other Activities:

Map of Africa from CSLP Children's Manual. Have kids find Mali and color it in on the map. They can also color in other parts of the map. Use a globe to help the children find Mali.

Make a Mancala Game:

Materials:

Egg carton

Paint

Paint brushes

2 empty Altoid tins or other containers large enough to be the storage pits.

Stones or other items to serve as the seeds. I used aquarium stones. Beans or small shells would work well.

Tacky Glue or a hot glue gun

A piece of **foam core or cardboard** to secure the carton and tins.

Directions:

Remove the top of the egg carton leaving only the egg shaped holders.

Paint/decorate the egg carton as you wish.

Use a strong glue to secure the egg carton and the tins to the board.

Once dry you can begin to play.

Kalah: A good beginner's game for kids

Directions to Kalah are available online from: Dewar, Gwen. "Mancala Games for Kids."

Parenting Science: Evidence-Based Information for the Thinking Parent. Parenting Science, 2009. Web. 29 Apr. 2011. <<http://www.parentingscience.com/mancala-games.html>>.

There are many other variations of the game also available in books and online.