Animal Crafts With Paper Plates

Learning Goals
Count and compare groups of objects; explore different kinds of shapes.

What You’ll Need
- Paper plates
- Construction paper
- Markers or crayons
- Glue
- Googly eyes
- Pipe cleaner

Steps
1. Make a spider! Color a plate purple. Make eight legs with paper or pipe cleaners; glue four on each side. Cut a small circle out of paper for the head and glue it to the top. Finish with eight eyes.
2. Make a pig! Color a plate pink. For the feet, glue paper hearts, turned upside down, to the bottom of the plate, two on the front and two on the back. Add two paper triangles for ears. Glue on a paper snout and draw two ovals for the nostrils. Finish with eyes and a curly pipe cleaner tail!
3. Make a chick! Color a plate yellow. Cut a circle in half and glue one half-circle on each side of the plate for the wings. Add paper legs. For the beak, cut a paper diamond and fold in half. Glue to the center. Finish with eyes.

Talk Together
- How many legs does each animal have? How many legs are there altogether?
- Let’s order our animals from most to fewest legs.

Book Suggestion
Eggs and Legs/Huevos y patas, written by Michael Dahl and illustrated by Todd Ouren

Watch Video

Online Game
Curious George: Bug Catcher
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