

Did You Ever Go a-Camping

Go camping is a great way for children to explore the outdoors! Increase children's memory in this fun song that keeps adding experiences they'll have out camping. Keep in mind that not all children have had this experience. Be sure to bring in pictures and even read a story about camping to help them understand all the fun adventures that await. "Did You Ever Go A-Camping" is a great way to do just that.

WHAT THEY LEARN

Singing, steady beat, storytelling, creative thinking, memory

WHAT YOU NEED

- Printable of experiences found on a camping trip (optional)

WHAT TO DO

- Introduce the song to the class and have them sway or pat their lap to the beat.
- As you finish each verse, ask the class if any of them have ever done that activity. Allow a bit of time for the students to share their stories before moving on to the next verse. Engage students who have not done camping activities by asking them if they'd like to try it or what would they cook or what might they see on their hike, etc.

VARIATION

- **Memory Builder** - If you've ever played the game "Going on a Picnic" this variation is much the same. Every time the song is sung, add a new "did you ever" and see if the children can remember all of them! Use the printable provided to help with recall.
 - **Example:**
Did you ever go a-camping, a-camping, a-camping.
Did you ever go a-camping and sleep in a tent, and fish in a lake, and sleep in a tent.

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Tune: "Did you ever see a Lassie"

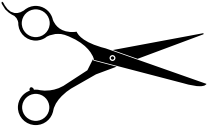
Did you ever go a-camping, a-camping, a-camping.
Did you ever go a-camping and sleep in a tent?

More ideas:
hike in the woods?
cook on a fire?
look at the stars?
fish in a lake?
see a black bear?

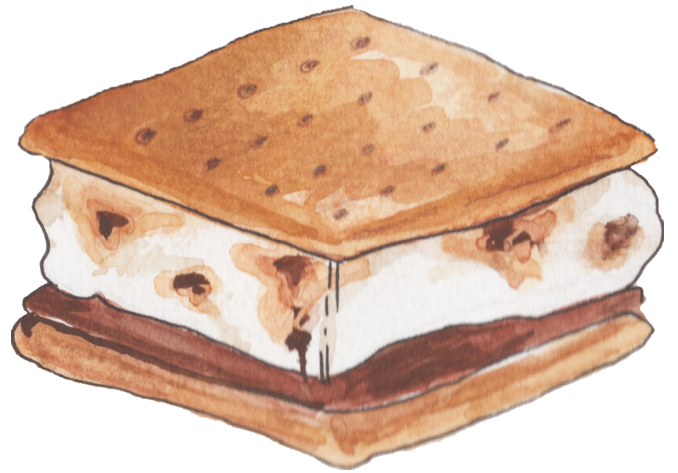


Did You Ever.....

Print, cut out and laminate pictures below. Place velcro on the back if you want to use it on a flannel board.



Sleep in a tent



Eat a s'more



Go on a hike



Fish in a lake