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A playful gorilla takes the zookeepers keys, unlocks many enclosures at the zoo, and all of the animals follow the zookeeper home for the night. The zookeeper's wife realizes the animals are all in her bedroom and returns them to the zoo. However, the gorilla and his friend the mouse sneak back to the zookeeper's home where they pop into bed and say goodnight.

**Ages:** 2 to 5 years

**Interest Level:**  
Infant to Kindergarten

**ATOS Reading Level:**  
Not applicable

**Lexile:** Not applicable

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**Genre:** Fiction

**Classification:** Picture Story Book

# Goodnight Gorilla

**What happens when a mischievous gorilla lets all the animals out at the zoo?**

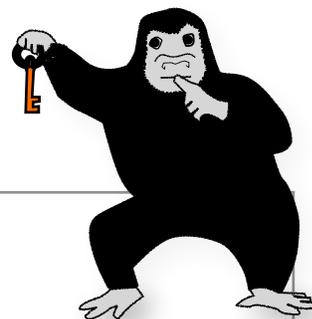
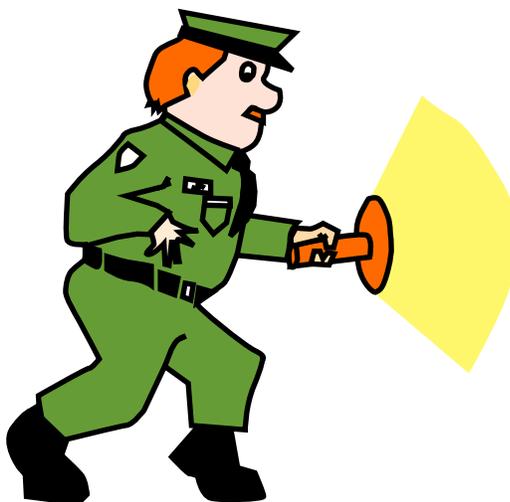
**Topics:** spatial reasoning, counting, patterns, routines

**Math Connections:** As you read *Goodnight Gorilla*, ask your child what type of animal is shown on the page. Describe what you see in the animal's cages. Ask your child to find the mouse throughout the book. You can also use *Goodnight Gorilla* to discuss patterns, routines, and location words. Notice the patterns on each page: each cage has a different tile pattern, each animal has their own special toys and food, each color key matches the color of the cage. The gorilla repeats the routine of letting each animal out of their cage after the zookeeper tells the animal tonight.

Describe the location of the animals in relation to each other: the gorilla is first, the elephant is second, etc. When the animals are in the zookeeper's house, describe the location of the animals: the mouse is IN the drawer, the lion is NEXT TO the bed, etc. Where is the elephant?

**Extension Questions:**

1. What patterns did you notice in this book? Where did you see them?
2. Did all of the animals say goodnight to the zookeeper's wife? How do you know?



<b>Vocabulary for Building Math Concepts</b>	None
<b>Vocabulary for Extending Math Concepts</b>	Patterns, Spatial Reasoning - in (the cage), on (the bed), next to (the zookeeper)
<b>Vocabulary for Reading Comprehension</b>	Armadillo, Elephant, Giraffe, Gorilla, Hyena, Lion

**Early Math Project Resources:**

- Gotcha Gorilla (Tabletop Edition): <https://bit.ly/3odpKly> (English)
- Gotcha Gorilla (Tabletop Edition) (Spanish)
- Gotcha Gorilla Tabletop Template: <https://bit.ly/3fSpFHr> (English)
- Gotcha Gorilla Tabletop Template: (Spanish)
- Go Go Gorilla: <https://bit.ly/36pDH0h> (English)
- Go Go Gorilla (Spanish)
- Go Go Gorilla Game Pieces: <https://bit.ly/36oSisw> (English)
- Go Go Gorilla Game Pieces: (Spanish)

**Online Resources:**

- Goodnight Gorilla related activities from First School website: <https://bit.ly/3ocFzza>
- Goodnight Gorilla related activities for toddlers and pre-schoolers from Virtual Book Club for Kids: <https://bit.ly/3qhKL6M>

**Spanish Title:** *Buenos Nochas, Gorila*

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**Also available in:** German, Japanese

**Related Books:** *The Napping House* by Audrey Wood and Don Wood

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Age Level	Related Preschool Foundations and CA State Standards
Infant/Toddler	<b>Infant Toddler Foundations</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/3ozQios">https://bit.ly/3ozQios</a>
Infant/Toddler	<b>Spatial Relationships</b> The developing understanding of how things move and fit in space. <b>Symbolic Play</b> The developing ability to use actions, objects, or ideas to represent other actions, objects, or ideas.
Preschool/TK	<b>Preschool Learning Foundations</b> <a href="https://bit.ly/34vEeN3">https://bit.ly/34vEeN3</a>
Preschool/TK	<b>Geometry 2.1</b> Identify positions of objects and people in space, such as in/on/under, up/down, inside/outside, beside/between, and in front/behind.

