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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.

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



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

### **Math Connections:**

Spatial reasoning Counting

Patterns Routines

# **Activities To Do Together:**

- Ask your child to describe the animals and what they see in each of the animal's cages.
- Find the mouse throughout the book.
- Discuss patterns, routines, and location words. Notice the patterns on each page.
- 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.

## **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?

# **Early Math Project Resources**:

Gotcha Gorilla (Tabletop Edition): <a href="https://bit.ly/3odpKly">https://bit.ly/3odpKly</a> (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: <a href="https://bit.ly/36oSisw">https://bit.ly/36oSisw</a> (English)

Go Go Gorilla Game Pieces: (Spanish)

#### **Online Resources:**

Goodnight Gorilla related activities from First School website: <a href="https://bit.ly/3ocFzzA">https://bit.ly/3ocFzzA</a>

Goodnight Gorilla related activities for toddlers and preschoolers from Virtual Book Club for Kids: <a href="https://bit.ly/3qhKL6M">https://bit.ly/3qhKL6M</a>



