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Gerald the giraffe has long skinny legs which are good for standing on and munching on trees, but when it comes to dancing he isn't very good. Will he dance at the Jungle Dance?

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# Giraffes Can't Dance

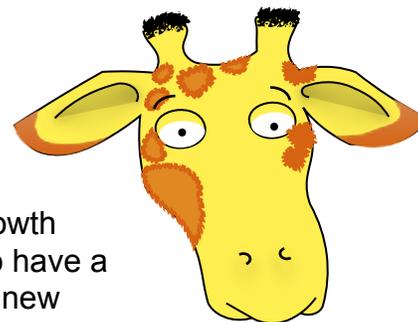
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**Math Connections:**

Growth Mindset

**Activities To Do Together:**

- Talk with your child about a growth mindset and why it is helpful to have a growth mindset when learning new concepts and skills.
- Talk with your child about how you can cheer them on and support them when they are performing a difficult or new task. Talk with them how they feel when they are supported.
- Talk with your child about a time they almost gave up but decided to try again and then succeeded. How did they feel?

**Extension Questions:**

1. How do you know that Gerald the giraffe had a growth mindset?
2. Why is a growth mindset important when learning math? How do you know someone has a growth mindset? What does having a growth mindset look like to you?
3. What do you do when something doesn't work out exactly as you planned? What do you do? Could you do anything differently?
4. Why is it important to believe in yourself?

**Vocabulary for Building Math Concepts:**

all, amount, eight, long, numbers, one, tall, up

**Early Math Project Resources:**

Dance Party: <https://bit.ly/3gmTq3l> (English)

Dance Party: (Spanish)

**Online Resources:**

Activities for Kindergarteners from Kindergarten at Heart: <https://bit.ly/2l3HIDi>

Growth Mindset in Mathematics from Big Life Journal: <https://bit.ly/3mSgh97>

Teaching a Growth Mindset from Big Life Journal: <https://bit.ly/3l0dYAd>

