

Introduction to the World: Cultures

Week 5

Have you ever started a new job? There is so much to learn and it seems way harder than it looks. The other people doing the job are so much more competent and we wonder if we will ever get the hang of it. This is pretty much what happens when you start to homeschool. Everyone is starting a new job—you, your child(ren), your spouse, everyone. The status quo has changed, everyone has a new role, everyone has a new job. Keep your expectations realistic. Give yourself and your family time to adjust—you can't expect to start a new job and be as skilled in it as someone who has been doing it for a long time. If you start slow, you will be surprised how quickly you get a routine going and how you will get better and better at your new job.



Teaching Moments and Hands-On Activities

For printable activities and coloring sheets to go along with this week's stories in *Egermeier's Bible Story Book* see Lessons 34-37 at <http://children.calvarychapel.com/site/curriculum.htm>.

Several craft ideas to go along with stories about Moses in the Bible are available at www.dltk-bible.com/exodus/moses_crafts.htm.

Allow the children to play "Dress Up" after reading about the various clothes people wear in *The Children's Encyclopedia*. If you don't have a "dress-up" box, just provide a variety of scarves, pieces of fabric (towels, tablecloths, blankets), and belts. You will be amazed at what the kids can come up with. Don't forget to take pictures!

This would be a good week to look at your elective art books with your children after you discuss the pages on art in *The Children's Encyclopedia*. Try one of the Arts or Crafts mentioned in the book.

See if you can find a hunting club or something similar in your area where your family could watch a demonstration of archery to go along with *The Apple and the Arrow*.

Encourage creative outdoor play. Using the poem "Oak Leaf Plate" from *The Llama Who Had No Pajama* as an example, challenge your children to see how many pretend utensils they find using things from nature in your own backyard. If you don't have an oak tree with acorns, what else could you use for a plate and cup?

A printable cut-and-paste frog craft to go along with the "Frog" poem in *The Llama Who Had No Pajama* this week is available at www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/frog-jumper-coloring-page/

The Real Mother Goose online activities:

"The Flying Pig" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Flyingpig.shtml

"Solomon Grundy" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Solomon.shtml

"Hush-a-Bye" rebus rhyme - www.enchantedlearning.com/rhymes/Hushabye.shtml

"Hush-a-Bye" coloring page - www.niteowl.org/kids/rockabye.html