

Sloth Bracelets 3-5

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Lesson

Sloths are slow moving Tree dwellers that live in the tropical rainforests of Central & South America. Sloths Hang in the tree canopy & spends around 19 hours a day sleeping. They eat twigs & leaves; Sloths have such a slow metabolism, they only get to the bathroom once a week! They have an algae that grows on their fur. They are mammals that are related to armadillos & anteaters. Sloths live for about 10 years & grow to be about 2-2.5 Feet long. There are two different types of Sloths, Two-toed & Three-toed, & 6 species. The Pygmy Sloth is critically endangered & the Maned Sloth is vulnerable.



Questions For Students

- What other kind of animal do they look like to you?
- Why do they move so slow?
- What advantage does the algae that grows on their fur give the sloth?
- What does herbivore mean?
- Why is it important to save animals that are endangered?

Links For More Info on Sloths

- <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/sloth/#/sloth-beach-upside-down.jpg>
- <https://www.worldwildlife.org/species/sloth>
- <https://www.activewild.com/sloth-information-and-facts-for-kids/>
- <http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/animals/sloth.html>

Links For Videos About Sloths

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eq42qcpTolo>
- https://www.ted.com/talks/kenny_coogan_why_are_sloths_so_slow#t-839702
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Xi3GaS7Zaw>



Materials

- Fabric or thicker paper
- White Fabric for face
- Permanent Markers
- Good Scissors
- Fabric Glue (Like Tacky Glue)
- Velcro or Button (would need thread to attach)

Instructions



1. Gather your fabric or paper, Resource Depot's Fabric Sample books are the perfect size.
2. Cut out/disassemble books to get the fabric ready to be traced on.
3. Trace sloth template on fabric or paper.
4. Cut out sloths; depending on the age of students you are working with they can help with this step & tracing (step 3).



5. Cut out ovals for the face, & small pieces of Velcro for the claws & butts of the sloth. If using paper just draw your design.

6. Adults can pre attached two small pieces of rough sided Velcro to the back of the claw area & one larger piece of the soft sided Velcro to front bottom of the butt of the Sloth. Make sure the Velcro pieces line up before glues or peeling off plastic to reveal sticky side for attachment. You may also sub Velcro for a button.



7. Have students pick out their Sloth body, making sure the size fits on their wrists. Faces could be pre-attached with glue by adults or students can glue the face on after step 8.

8. Have students draw their sloth faces (I recommend showing them pictures of what sloths look like; a few are attached)

9. Glue face if not executed already

10. For best results let dry before wearing, but can be attached to wrist immediately.



1. For longer lasting wearing; have cut edges of the fabric lined with a little glue to prevent fraying.
2. Have fun with your sloth buddy hanging around your wrist.



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Template

Suggestion- transfer template onto thicker paper for easier tracing.
(use old file folders or cardboard scraps for template)



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Books About Sloths

For some extra zest to your lesson, below are great books about sloths.

Sparky! By Jenny Offill & Chris Appelhans

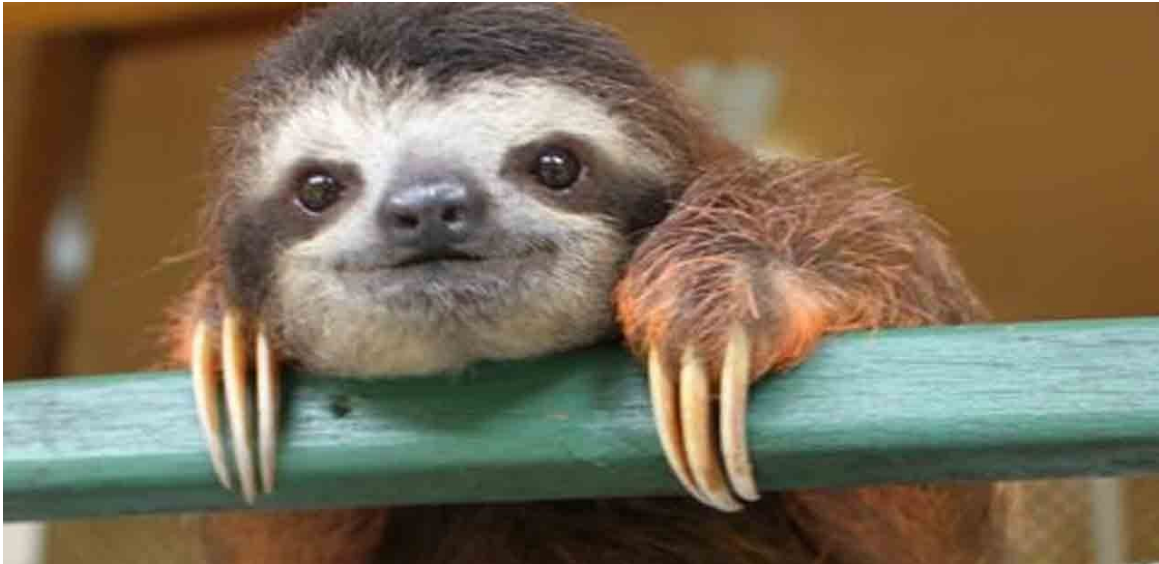
Slowly, Slowly, Slowly Said the Sloth By Eric Carle

Sloths (Animals That Live in the Rain Forest) By Julie Guidone

Score One for the Sloths (Laugh-Aloud Lessons) By Helen Lester

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