



# Turtles

Turtles are fascinating creatures. Did you know that they have been roaming the Earth for millions of years? In this guide, you'll find activities designed to help children of all ages shell-ebrate the amazing world of turtles.

## Make Snappy Snacks

Get creative in the kitchen by making turtle-themed snacks. Use round crackers or cookies as the base, spread green frosting or peanut butter on top to represent the turtle's shell, and add sliced grapes or strawberries for the legs and head.

**As you assemble the snacks, talk about the different parts of a turtle's body. What does the turtle's shell do? Why does it have flippers instead of hands?**

Work together to create a turtle puppet using a sock or paper bag. Cut a circle of green construction paper for the shell, use buttons for the eyes and trim pieces of felt for the flippers. Then, introduce your new friend to the other toys around your house!

**Where does your turtle live? What kind of food does it eat? Where does it go when it gets cold outside?**

## Create Turtle-y Awesome Puppets

From *The Tortoise and the Hare* to *Turtle and Tortoise Are Not Friends*, there are many wonderful children's books about turtles. Pick out your favorite and read it together in a cozy spot. Afterward, use your turtle puppet from the activity above to tell the story!

**What's your favorite part of the story?**

## Turtle Storytime and Puppet Play

