

# Wild California Zookeepers

(Preschool-2nd grade)

## Objective:

Children will learn and articulate duties and responsibilities of a zookeeper. Children will also share their learning through dramatic play and/or writing.

## Materials:

- clear tape
- scissors
- printer for Wild California Zookeeper badge, book, and writing paper
- pencil, crayons or color pencils

## Let's Play:

You just met Jungle Jordan, a zookeeper. He takes care of animals at the zoo. Animals need more zookeepers like you. So let's get started!

1. Print out the Wild California Zookeeper badge. Color it, write your name, and cut it out.
2. Next, go find just the right clothes to take care of animals. Maybe it's your favorite shirt, shorts, tutu, hat, boots, cape, anything that you love. You are all set to go and help your favorite animal.
3. Tape your Wild California Zookeeper badge onto your shirt.
4. Next, who will you take care of? Go find a stuffed animal, your dog, your cat, your imaginary animal like a tiger or elephant to practice with. We bet your animal will be the best in the zoo.
5. Last, it's time to work! Close your eyes and think about what Jungle Jordan did at his job. Open your eyes and start your day. What will you do first? Feed them? Clean their homes? Talk to them? Take your friends on a tour of your zoo and tell them all about your animal friends? Ready, set, go!
6. Being a zookeeper is a lot of work, but we knew you could do it. Thank you for being a special part of helping animals. You are now an official Wild California Zookeeper.
7. Take a picture or even a video of you as a Wild California Zookeeper in action. We would love seeing you. Tag us! #socalkidsmuseum @socalkidsmuseum

**Let's Write:**

- Print the mini book, If I Was A Zookeeper or use the story starter to tell your zookeeper story. Draw it, write it, and SHARE it.
- A new \_\_\_\_\_(pick your favorite animal) has just come to live at your zoo named \_\_\_\_\_(choose a name for your zoo). You are the head zookeeper! What will you do to help make the \_\_\_\_\_ feel at home (use 3 things you learned from the video to guide you)? Then you notice what? After that, what happens? Finally, you feel?





