

# No Monkeys, No Chocolate

## A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

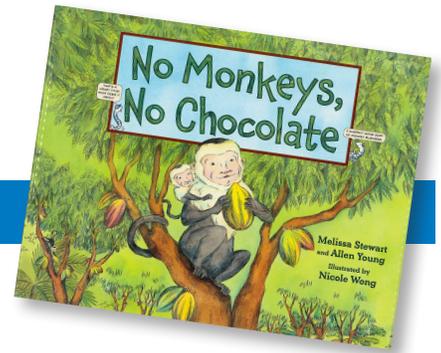
**Themes:** Ecosystems, the Rainforest, Animals

**Book Brief:** This book traces how chocolate gets from the tropical rainforest into our stomachs. Each player has an important role in the process.

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## TIME TO READ!

### Before reading, build background knowledge:

Think about where chocolate comes from before it gets to the store. The beans used for

chocolate come from the tropical rainforest. Find the rainforest on a map.

**While reading, make connections:** What connections are you able to make to the way other fruits, flowers,

and vegetables grow? Can you think of another type of seed that is spread by animals?

### After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Which animal did you think has the most important role?
- ◆ What's happening to the plants and animals in the rainforest now?
- ◆ What would happen if someone cut down all the trees in your town or neighborhood?

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### BANANA ICE CREAM

Ingredients: 2 bananas

Any monkey would love this easy ice cream! Peel and slice bananas; freeze until solid. Put the frozen bananas in a blender and blend until smooth and creamy. Enjoy! Experiment with flavors by adding peanut butter, chocolate chips or cocoa powder, or shredded coconut.

### WRAP IT UP!

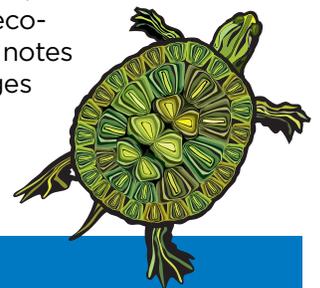
Materials: paper, pencil, markers

Candy companies spend a lot of time and money designing the wrappers of their candy bars to get your attention. Design your own candy bar wrapper.

Think about the size of your candy bar and how much space you have to work with. Make sure your wrapper stands out! What information would you include on the wrapper? Name your candy bar.

### ECO FRIENDLY

Take time to study a natural ecosystem. Choose a location like a pond, garden, or wooded area. Visit the area a few days in a row, or once a week for a month. Identify the plants, insects, birds, and animals that might live in the ecosystem. Keep a journal of your notes and observations. What changes did you notice? How can you help protect this area?



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

*Animal Grossapedia* (2012)  
*A Place for Butterflies* (2011)  
*Under the Snow* (2009)



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