

# SeaWorld/Busch Gardens **Primates**

K-3 Classroom Activities

## Color Me Ape-ish!

#### **OBJECTIVE**

The student will distinguish the differences between apes and monkeys.

#### ACTION

- 1. Distribute one Primate Coloring Funsheet and some crayons to each student.
- 2. Explain the differences between apes and monkeys using the background information
- 3. Instruct students to color all the apes in the picture of the primate coloring funsheet. (Remind students that they will have to distinguish between apes and monkeys in order to color the correct animals on the funsheet.)
- 4. Review the correct answers with the class and explain why each animal was either an ape or a monkey.

#### **MATERIALS**

(per student)

- one Primate Coloring Funsheet
- crayons (several colors)

### **ANSWERS**

The three apes in the illustration are the gorilla, chimpanzee, and orangutan.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

There are several main differences between apes and monkeys that are easy to identify. Apes do not have a tail and are generally larger than most other primates. They also have a more upright body posture. Apes rely more on vision than on smell and have a short, broad nose rather than a longer snout, as monkeys do. Apes have a larger brain relative to the body size than other primates.

