Animals: *Container in the Form of a Bull Bearing a Pot (Grade Pre-K)*

*Container in the Form of a Bull Bearing a Pot, 12th to early 13th century, Iranian or Iraqi (Persian)*  
Stoneware; glazed in opaque white, luster painted (with later repairs), 17 ½ x 6 in. (44.45 x 15.24 cm) L: 12 ½ in. Eugene Fuller Memorial Collection, 38.139.

Find online at: [https://tinyurl.com/ybxw7xth](https://tinyurl.com/ybxw7xth)

**LOOKING QUESTIONS**  
First, look at the artwork. Don’t do anything else but look until you’ve counted to 20 in your head or out loud! Then, talk about it with a friend or family member:

- What do you see? What does it make you think about? What does it make you wonder?
- Does this remind you of something in your house?
- Do you see an animal in this photo? What is the animal carrying?

**INFORMATION**  
Although we don’t know who created this object, we know it was created in Iran by people who practiced the Zoroastrian religion. Cattle, like cows and bulls, are a very important part of their religion and culture. This might be why they created a pot showing a bull. How can you tell the animal is bull? Can you find horns? Four legs? A face? Why do you think this animal is important to this group of people? Are there any animals that are very important to you?

**MOVEMENT ACTIVITY: ANIMAL IMPERSONATIONS**  
Use your body to move like an animal and make the same noise an animal does! On the count to three, move your body to act like one of these animals:

- Slither like a snake.
- Flap your arms like a bird.
- Walk like a bear.
- Hop like a rabbit.
- Stand tall like a giraffe.
KEEP LEARNING WITH A STORY *(for K–5)*
Move, by Steven Jenkins
All animals move in different ways! As you read, you will learn how and why animals move in their own ways.

- Hear the book read out loud here: [https://tinyurl.com/y8cn4fdl](https://tinyurl.com/y8cn4fdl)
- Borrow the e-book on the King County or Seattle Public Library website.

ART ACTIVITY
Make your own animal container!

Materials
Toilet paper roll, color cardstock or construction paper, scissors, glue or tape, and markers or crayons.

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**Steps**

1. With your toilet paper roll, trace a circle on cardstock or construction paper. Then, use your scissors to cut the circle that you just traced. Use glue or tape to stick the circle onto one of the ends of your toilet paper roll.

   - You may need an adult to help you with this activity.

2. Next, cut a strip of construction paper that is as long as your toilet paper roll. Put glue or tape on the strip of construction paper to wrap your toilet paper roll with. Now you have the base of your animal!

3. What makes your animal unique? Does it have a mane like a lion? Does it have wings like a bird or an insect? Does it have tentacles like an octopus? Use your construction paper to create your animal’s special features! Then, cut and glue (or tape) those features onto your animal’s body base.

   - With markers or crayons, draw your animal’s eyes and mouth.
   - Draw any additional features your animal has. For example, scales on a fish.

4. Once finished, you can put some of your favorite things in your animal container. It could be used for flowers or markers!

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