

Note: Adapt to a habitat or biome in your state or locality. Missouri is used as an example.

9:00 Circle: LIFE IN A CAVE Cave animals don't have to make a home - just move in! Missouri has more caves than any other state- over 3,700. Brochures of caves or other habitats of your state are available from the state Department of Tourism or Dept. of Conservation. Missouri cave life includes the bat, blind salamander, blind cave fish, crayfish, snail, cave cricket, spider, and millipede.

Read *Cave* or *Caves: Hidden World*.

YOGA: Bat Pose (Yoga Pose # 37)

Lesson- **PUNCHED BAT**

CAVE MATCHING CARDS- Make cards from cave brochures

ART: Cave collage

11:45 Circle: BROWN BAT, BROWN BAT flannel board story (see below)

Talk about how the cave crayfish can't really see. The cave fish doesn't even have eyes. The cave crayfish, the cave fish and the blind salamander are white and blind.

Discussion: Why do you think the cave animals don't have eyes or can't see? Have the children close their eyes to see how it is to be in a dark cave with no light. How would you find your way around? What senses would you use? Would you need eyes?

Play Brown Bat game: Children standing in a circle. One child puts on a blindfold in the center of the "cave." The children say "Brown bat, brown bat, what do you see?" The child walks carefully to the edge of the cave and guesses who he is touching.

Story Time-*Welcome Home Little Bear* (A bear finds his cave after finding other animal's caves.)

3:00 Circle: LIFE UNDER THE GROUND Read *The World Beneath Your Feet* or *Towns Down Underground* or *Under the Ground: Hidden World* or *Deep Down Underground*.

Lesson- **BROWN BAT, BROWN BAT** individual work

WORK

Punched bat-Tray with a 6" square of cork, 6" squares black construction paper, tagboard bat shape/template, white pencil, large pushpin, hole punch. Process-Place bat shape on paper, trace around with white pencil. Place on cork and punch on the line with the pushpin. Punch a hole with the hole punch. (Tie a piece of thread through the hole. Hang with a pushpin from the ceiling.)

Brown Bat, Brown Bat story (Original adaptation from Brown Bear, Brown Bear)

Brown bat, brown bat, what do you see?, I see a cave cricket looking at me.
Cave cricket, cave cricket what do you see?, I see a crayfish, can he see me?
Crayfish, crayfish, what do you see?, I see a blind salamander looking at me,
Salamander, salamander what do you see? I see a blind cave fish,
but he can't see me!

Individual work- Prepare: Make a round black felt cave, brown bat, cricket (light beige), crayfish (white), salamander (white), and cave fish (white).

Lesson- Carry the basket to the flannelboard. Place each piece on the board while telling the story.