Animals play hide-and-seek, but not for fun! They may hide to sneak up on their prey, or they may hide to avoid being another animal’s dinner!

Many wild animals have black, brown, tan or green coloration so that they can blend in with the trees, bushes, and grasses in their natural surroundings.

Animals can be camouflaged by their color, the pattern on their skin or fur, or they can even have a shape that makes them look like, or mimic, something else like a leaf or a stick!

Some animals that are very well camouflaged are owls, rabbits, frogs and toads, and walking sticks.

Ask your child to take a favorite stuffed animal and find the best hiding place for it. Encourage them to remember the trick of camouflage! Try it inside and outside.

Book Suggestions: How To Hide A Butterfly, by Ruth Heller and Where in the Wild? by David M. Schwartz