Family Activities

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When Miles gets a saxophone for his birthday, neither his parents nor his neighborhood can stand the racket. However, when his Swamp Band receives an invitation to play at the Alligator Ball, no one guesses what's in store. LeVar goes into the Louisiana swamps to visit an alligator farm, journeys down the Mississippi on a riverboat, learns about creating sounds from a mouth sound performer, and meets one of New Orleans' hottest jazz saxophonists.

Here are a few activities you and your child can do together after watching this episode.

Musical Glasses

You will need:
- eight glass bottles or glasses
- wooden spoon

Directions:
1. Fill each bottle or glass with a different amount of water. It works best if you have one bottle nearly empty and one bottle nearly full. The rest should be someplace in between.
2. Line up the bottles or glasses next to one another in order, going from least amount of water to most water.
3. Start by tapping the bottle or glass with the least amount of water using a wooden spoon. As you move from one to the other you will notice that the tone gets higher. Do it again, but this time move as fast as you can across the bottles.
4. Now try to play a song with your musical water containers.

Swamp Pals

You will need:
- sheet of construction paper (9" x 12")
- crayon
- scissors

Directions:
1. Fold the paper in half lengthwise.
2. Draw the outline of an alligator with the fold across the alligator's back.
3. Cut out the shape and cup slanted slits along the back.

4. Unfold the alligator and fold each slit back.
5. Fold the alligator in half again.
6. Use crayons to add eyes and a mouth.

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Here are some books you can check out on your next trip to the library:

Apt. 3 by Ezra Jack Keats

Alligator Shoes by Arthur Dorros