

Kali's Story AN ORPHANED POLAR BEAR RESCUE

A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

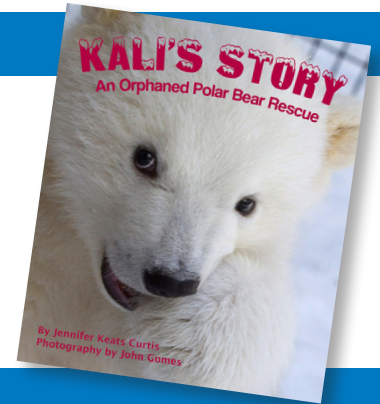
Themes: Arctic Animals, Zoology, Alaska, Rescue, Survival

Book Brief: After a young polar bear cub's mother dies, the Kali village rescues him from his den. Named after the village, Kali the polar bear embarks on a journey that takes him to the Alaska Zoo where he

grows, learns new skills, and makes new friends.

Author: Jennifer Keats Curtis

Photographer: John Gomes



TIME TO READ!



Before reading, make predictions: Why do you think this polar bear needs rescuing? Who takes care of wild animals in need? Where do you think this bear lives?

While reading, make connections: Have you read

other stories about animals being rescued? If so, what type of animals? Why did they need help? Have you

or anyone you know rescued an animal or adopted an animal from a shelter?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ What were the *differences* between Kali's natural habitat and the zoo habitats?
- ◆ Why did the man think Kali wouldn't survive without his mother?
- ◆ How did Kali *adapt* to, or change to fit, his new environment?



RELATED ACTIVITIES

POLAR POPS

Ingredients: 1 1/2 cups vanilla yogurt, 1 can crushed pineapple (not drained), small plastic cups, popsicle sticks, plastic wrap, rubber bands

Mix the yogurt and crushed pineapple until well blended. Pour the mixture into cups, filling each 3/4 full. Cover with plastic wrap. Poke a popsicle stick through the top of the plastic wrap on each cup and secure the wrap with a rubber band. Freeze for 4-6 hours. When the mixture is frozen solid, run cups under warm water to release a frosty polar treat!

BEAR-Y GOOD OBSERVATIONS

Visit <https://explore.org/livecams/polar-bears/polar-bear-cam> for a look at polar bears in their natural habitat. How would you describe the polar bear? Then visit <https://explore.org/livecams/brown-bears/brown-bear-salmon-cam-brooks-falls>

to observe the grizzly bear. What are the similarities and differences between these two types of bears? Which bear do you like better? Which would you most like to see? Why?

POLAR PLAYDOUGH

Materials: 1 cup salt, 2 cups flour, 2 tbsp. cream of tartar, 2 cups water, 2 tbsp. vegetable oil, white glitter

With an adult's help, combine dry ingredients in a medium saucepan. Add liquid ingredients and stir again. Turn the burner on low and stir until the mixture is thick. Remove from heat and allow to cool. Add glitter and knead dough until smooth. Store in a plastic baggie or a plastic dish with a lid.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS ABOUT POLAR BEARS

National Geographic Readers: Polar Bears, Laura Marsh (2013), *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?* Bill Martin Jr. and Eric Carle (2013), *Polar Bear Night*, Lauren Thompson (2004).



Reading Is Fundamental