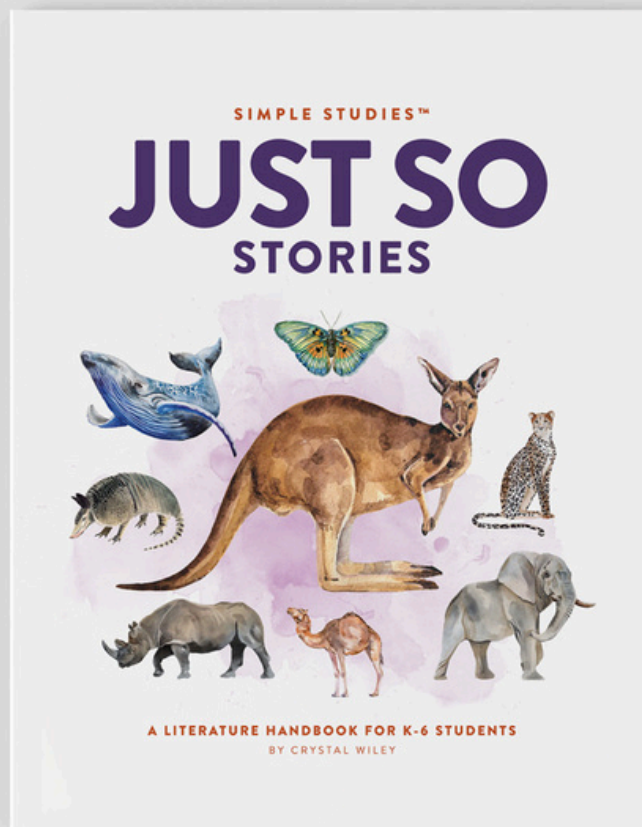


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# JUST SO STORIES



**A LITERATURE HANDBOOK FOR K-6 STUDENTS**

BY CRYSTAL WILEY

# Materials Needed for Entire Study

- ❑ **Just So Stories** by Rudyard Kipling (*This book is available in the [public domain](#). We prefer this [Audible](#) version, narrated by Johanna Ward. We also prefer the [printed version](#) from New West Press but it is also available by other publishers and you can find a copy on most used online bookstores such as [Thriftbooks.com](#), [Abebooks.com](#) and Amazon. A free audio version is available on [Librivox.com](#) as well).*)
- ❑ **Just So Stories Coloring Pages** (*for younger students*)
- ❑ **Personal Nature and/or Narration Journal** (*each student*)
- ❑ **Quality Coloring Pencils** (*Recommended: Prismacolor*)
- ❑ **Picture & General Booklists** (*attached*)(*optional*)
- ❑ **A Visual Encyclopedia of Animals and/or Field Guides.** (*We use the **Smithsonian Natural History** by DK Publishing – having realistic, vivid images of each animal is recommended).*)
- ❑ **Handbook of Nature Study** by Anna Botsford Comstock (*optional*) - (*This guide is a timeless resource highly recommended for instructors interested in better equipping themselves in all manners of nature study*).
- ❑ **Pictionary Game** (*Lesson 8*) (*optional*)

# Picture Booklist by Lesson

This is by no means an exhaustive list and I encourage every instructor to seek out additional living books as you see fit.

*\*Finally, while I researched books for hours trying to adhere to the living book recommendations, a few books do not fit into this category and were chosen for their childlike, whimsical prose and overall message. I tried to offer more than one suggestion should you be unable to secure them all at your local library.*

**HELPFUL TIP:** *I recommend gathering books for all 12 lessons before you begin. As some books may refer to the theory of evolution, I always recommend you pre-read them before reading them to your students.*

## Lesson 1:

- The Secret Life of Whales* by Rena Ortega
- Amos & Boris* by William Steig
- The Storm Whale* by Benji Davies
- The Boy and the Whale* by Mordicai Gerstein
- Humphrey The Lost Whale: A True Story* by Wendy Tokuda
- Whales* by Gail Gibbons

## Lesson 2:

- How the Camel Got its Hump (A Little Golden Book)* by Justine Fontes
- Camels (Amazing Animals)* by Kate Riggs
- Is the Camel a Mammal?* by Tish Rabe
- Why Do Camels Have Long Eyelashes?* by Jennifer Shand
- Get Off That Camel!* by AH Benjamin
- Humphrey's First Christmas* by Carol Heyer

# Lesson 2

## MATERIALS NEEDED:

- *Just So Stories* by Rudyard Kipling
- *Just So Stories Coloring Pages* (attached) (for younger students)
- Colored pencils or watercolors
- Nature Journal
- Mammals Field Guide or Visual Encyclopedia with a Camel
- Computer (optional)
- Picture books see below (optional)

Ask students to tell what they remember from the last chapter. Ask students to tell what they already know about camels.

**Read Together,** *Just So Stories* by Rudyard Kipling, chapter 2, “How the Camel Got His Hump.” While you read, let younger students (students age first grade and younger) color the picture on page 2 of the *Just So Stories Coloring Pages*.

**Older Students:** Have students look up a camel or use the image provided, and draw one in their journal. Have students discuss what [camels keep in their humps](#).

**Optional:** Have students make a list of animals that live in the desert. Let students work together to come up with as many as possible. Then explore this [list](#) to learn about some other animals that live in the desert just like camels. Have younger students trace their hand upside down in their journals. Then using this [image](#) as a guide, turn their handprint into a drawing of a camel.

**Dictation Sentence:** “Presently the Ox came to him, with the yoke on his neck and said, ‘Camel, O Camel, come and plough like the rest of us.’”

**Picture Books for Lesson 2:** *How the Camel Got its Hump (A Little Golden Book)* by Justine Fontes, *Camels (Amazing Animals)* by Kate Riggs, *Is the Camel a Mammal?* by Tish Rabe, *Why Do Camels Have Long Eyelashes?* by Jennifer Shand, *Get Off That Camel!* by AH Benjamin, *Humphrey’s First Christmas* by Carol Heyer

# Rudyard Kipling



Rudyard Kipling was an English author famous for an array of works like 'Just So Stories,' 'If' and 'The Jungle Book.' He received the 1907 Nobel Prize in Literature.

## Who Was Rudyard Kipling?

Rudyard Kipling was born in India in 1865 and educated in England but returned to India in 1882. A decade later, Kipling married Caroline Balestier and settled in Brattleboro, Vermont, where he wrote *The*

*Jungle Book* (1894), among a host of other works that made him hugely successful. Kipling was the recipient of the 1907 Nobel Prize in Literature. He died in 1936.

## Early Years

Joseph Rudyard Kipling was born on December 30, 1865, in Bombay (now called Mumbai), India. At the time of his birth, his parents, John and Alice, were recent arrivals in India as part of the British Empire. The family lived well, and Kipling was especially close to his mother. His father, an artist, was the head of



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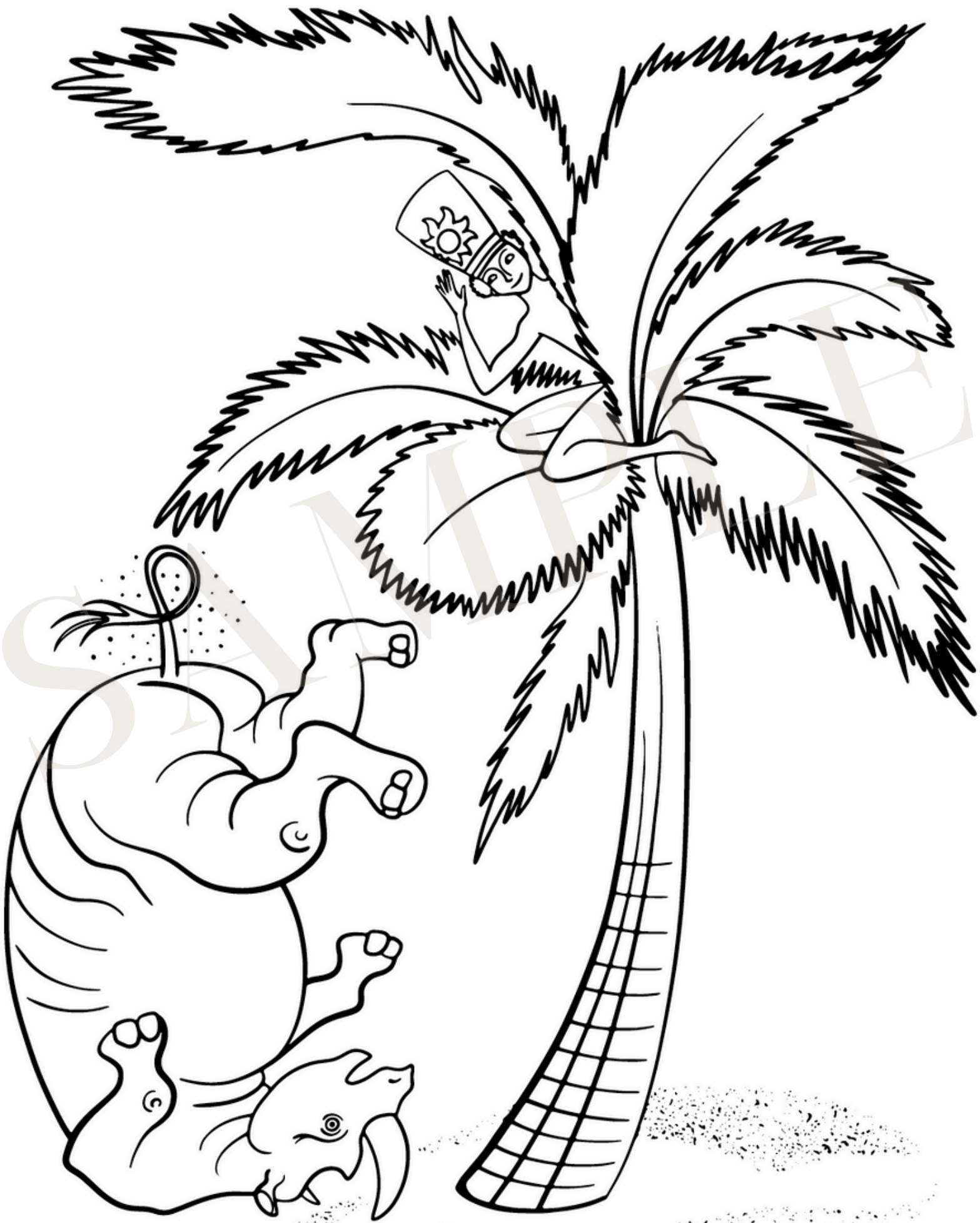
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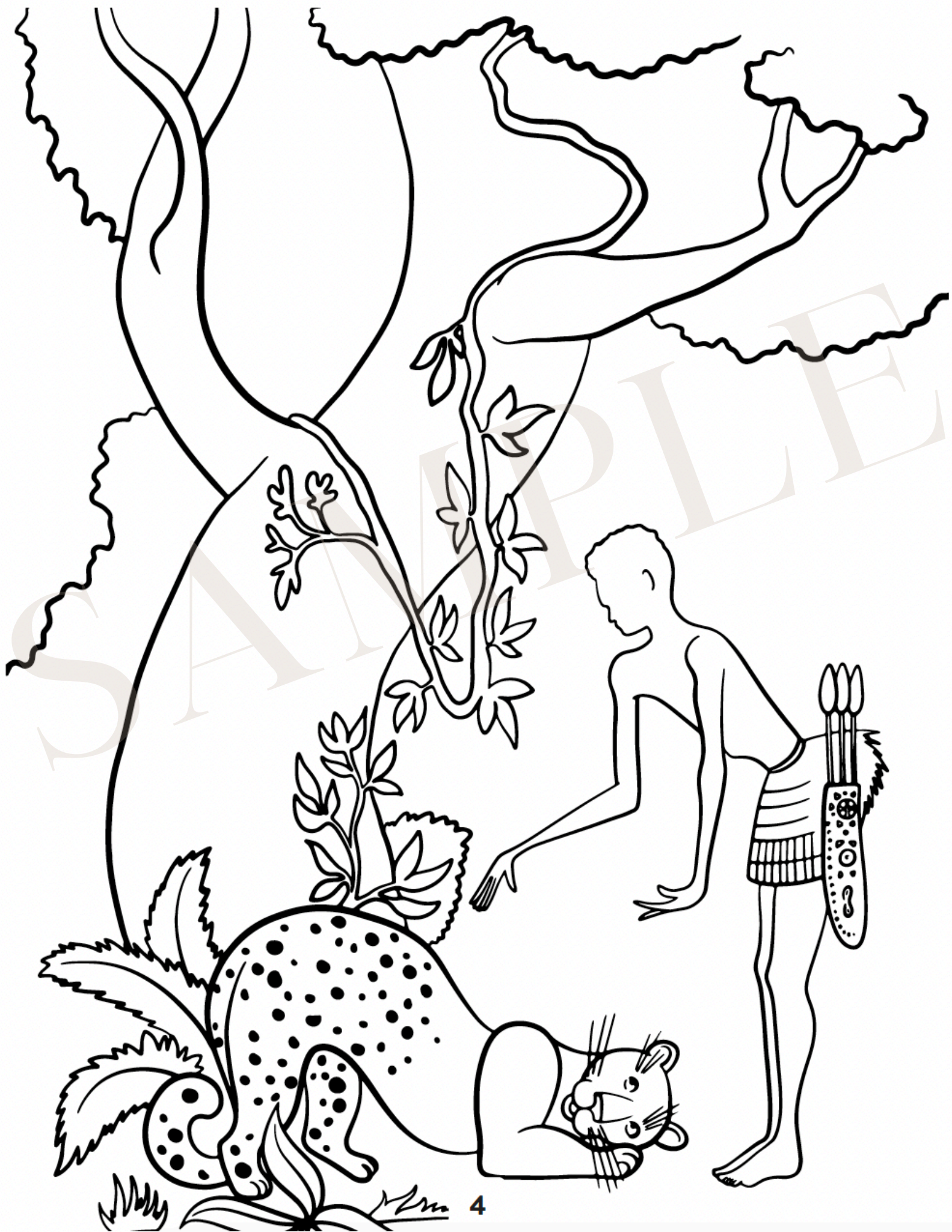


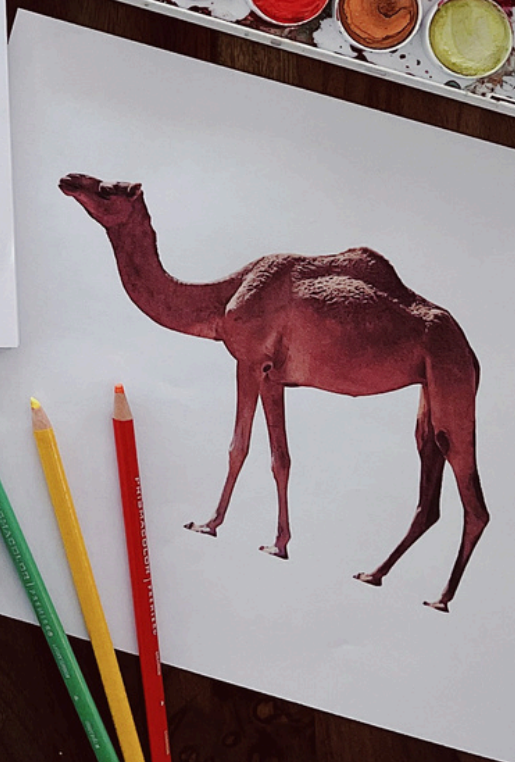
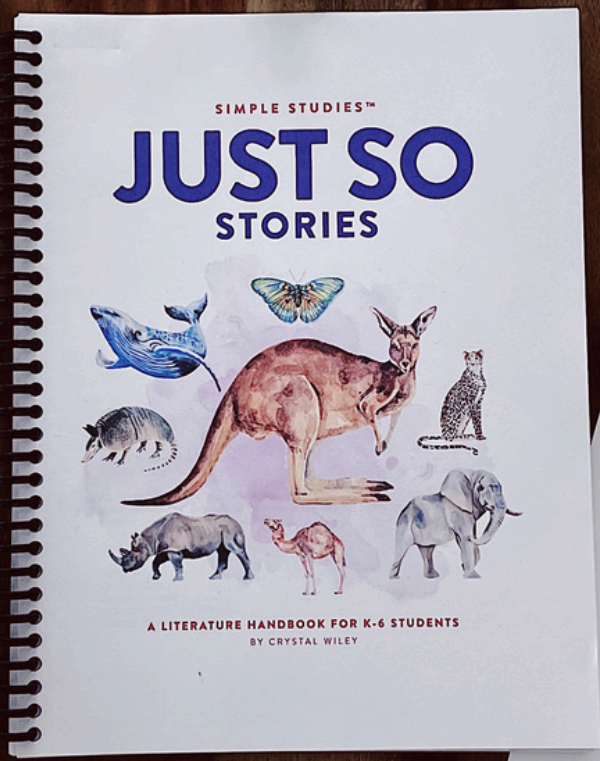
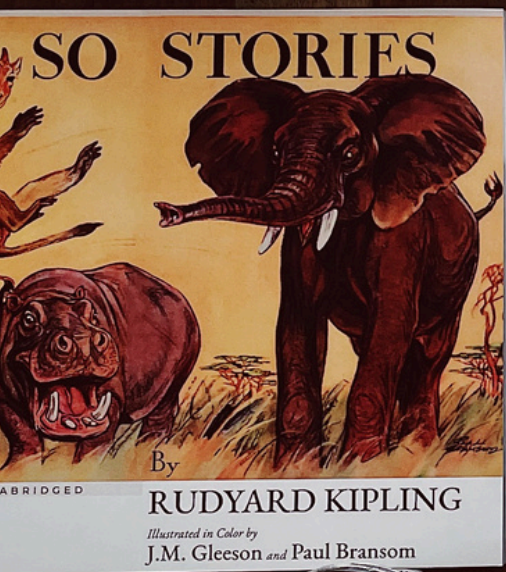
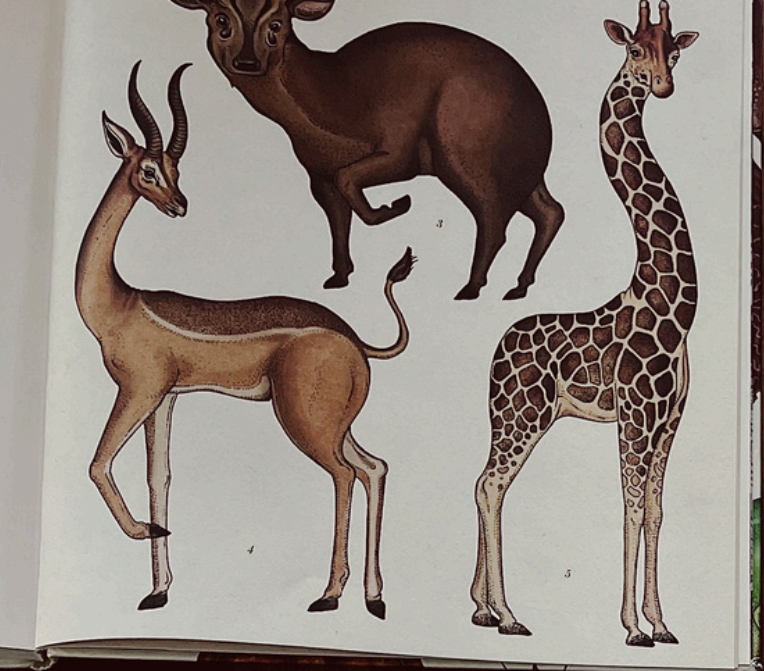
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*I have been searching for a few years for the right addition to our morning time. I needed something that has poetry, reading, Biblical principles and nature oriented lessons. I would find something but become overwhelmed by the amount of "fluff" and extra content. These studies are so feasible and attainable and have added a wonderful component to our Charlotte Mason homeschool! My only problem is choosing which one to do next!!!! Love them all!!! - Katie Woodruff*

OUR KIDS RECENTLY FINISHED YOUR JUNGLE STUDY AND REALLY ENJOYED IT. :) — GENEVIEVE D.

*We've used your guides from the beginning, gosh, so many years ago. I love how you take the cream off the top of so many different curriculum and put it together in a way that's custom fit for your family. - Miette Allison*

I LOVE YOUR STUDIES. I HAVE AN 8 AND 5 YEAR OLD AND WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING THROUGH THE FOREST ANIMALS GUIDE. IT'S SO FUN. - LYDIA JENKINS

*I like all of these guides because they're simple but interesting and give just enough further resources (links, booklists, ideas) to be fun without being overwhelming, an important factor for us! - @thesunrisemama*

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*We did the Simple Studies Burgess Birds and it was our favorite homeschool study we've ever done! We have kids in 8th grade down to kindergarten and all my children enjoyed doing this study together. It's amazing to see each bird that they drew in their nature journal. I printed "how to draw" pages for my youngest sons so it gave them step by step instructions on how to draw each bird. They loved that. My young ones also loved the coloring pages! We were sad when the book came to an end. I would highly recommend this study and you can make it work with a variety of ages.*

– Claire Jones

US HISTORY IS FINALLY STARTING TO BE INTERESTING FOR MY 7 YEAR OLD. THANK YOU FOR CREATING AN INTERESTING, AFFORDABLE WAY FOR YOUNG CHILDREN TO LEARN ABOUT US HISTORY! – SARAH W.

*My daughters and I started with Among the Meadow People and I truly appreciate your simple studies. They are enjoying them and sharing facts with family. They loved how God created the robin with a pocket of oil for when it rains. Thank you for serving the homeschool community with your time and talent. – Nicole M*

JUST FINISHED COURAGE. WE LOVED IT! IT WAS OUR FIRST STUDY AND NOW I WANT TO BUY THEM ALL!! -MAGGIE MILLER

*I'm officially obsessed with your studies. They've been a life-giving presence in our homeschool this year & I'm so grateful to have found them. – Hannah Connor*

I AM SO PLEASED WITH WHAT I FOUND! I AM PLANNING ON INCORPORATING 3 OF THE SIMPLE STUDIES IN OUR YEAR. THEY ARE SO CUTE!! AND ARE GREAT FOR MY BROOD-- 8, 6, 3.5 AND 14 MONTHS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION. – MARIA DOUGLASS

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