

Jo-Jo Goes (for) Bananas

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Jo-Jo was a little monkey. He lived in a cage in the zoo. The cage was his home, and the zoo was his neighborhood, and all the other animals were his neighbors.

One day Jo-Jo ran out of bananas. Jo-Jo was sad. He loved bananas so much. He had some monkey chow, but he didn't want monkey chow today.

Jo-Jo decided he'd go find bananas. Jo-Jo was a very clever monkey. So he climbed over and crawled under and snuck behind and crept around and walked through and he was out of his cage!

Jo-Jo met the lion and asked, "Do you have any bananas?" The lion said, "No, Jo-Jo! I'm a lion! I eat meat!"

Jo-Jo met the ostrich and asked, "Do you have any bananas?" The ostrich said, "No, Jo-Jo! I'm an ostrich! I eat seeds and bugs!"

Jo-Jo met the giraffe and asked, "Do you have any bananas?" The giraffe said, "No, Jo-Jo! I'm a giraffe! I eat leaves from way up on the trees!"

Jo-Jo met the hippo and asked, "Do you have any bananas?" The hippo said, "No, Jo-Jo! I'm a hippo! I eat plants from the water!"

Jo-Jo went into the reptile house. He met all the snakes and lizards and asked, "Do you have any bananas?". The lizards said, "No, we eat crickets, Jo-Jo!" and the snakes said, "We jussssst eat missssssssssss!"

Then Jo-Jo found the gorilla house. Inside he met a gorilla named "Bubba". Jo-Jo asked, "Do you have any bananas?" Bubba said, "Of course I do! I'm a gorilla!" Jo-Jo asked, "May I have one, please?" Bubba said, "Since you asked so nicely, you can have **two**!"

Jo-Jo said, "Thank you, Bubba!" and ate one of the bananas on the spot! Bubba had one too, because nobody likes to eat alone.

Jo-Jo went back through the reptile house. He showed his banana to all the snakes and lizards.

He said, "Thank you! I found a banana!"

Jo-Jo saw the hippo and said, "Thank you! I found a banana!"

Jo-Jo saw the giraffe and said, "Thank you! I found a banana!"

Jo-Jo saw the ostrich and said, "Thank you! I found a banana!"

Jo-Jo saw the lion and said, "Thank you! I found a banana!"

Jo-Jo came back to his cage. He walked through, and crept around, and snuck behind and crawled under and climbed over . . . and he was home!