

# Let's Talk "Endangered"

## OBJECTIVES:

To learn what "endangered" means; to identify some reasons why some animals are in danger of extinction; to identify and describe ways people can help save endangered species.

## OUTLINE OF CONTENT:

- I. Endangered
  - A. Meaning - in danger of becoming extinct or dying out
  - B. Animal examples
    - 1. Endangered - whales, turtles, tigers, buffalo, leopards, elephants, bald eagles, condors
    - 2. Extinct - dodo birds, dinosaurs, passenger pigeons
- II. Why are the animals endangered or extinct?
  - A. Whales - killed for whale oil, meat, bone
  - B. Turtles - shells and food
  - C. Tigers - sport, skins (leopards also)
  - D. Elephants - ivory tusks
  - E. Buffalo - hides, sport
  - F. Bald eagle habitat destruction, use of DDT
  - G. Dodo bird - habitat destruction
  - H. Condor - habitat destruction
  - I. Others - feathers and fur
- III. Ways people can help endangered animals
  - A. Wildlife refuge
  - B. Laws
    - 1. Hunting
    - 2. Fishing
    - 3. Exotic animal ownership/breeding
  - C. Zoos' breeding programs
  - D. Respect their rights, too
  - E. Careful use of insecticides and other poisons