

# Lizards

1. What is a herper and how can you become a herper?
2. Learn about lizards in your area.
3. Learn how to care for a lizard.
4. Catch a lizard or see them in a pet store, on a video, at a nature center, at a zoo, or in a book. Invite a herpetologist or knowledgeable guest to talk to your Adventurers.
5. Paint a lizard on a rock.
6. Read Leviticus 11:29-30.



## Helps

1. Reptiles (lizards, snakes, and turtles) and amphibians (salamanders, toads, and frogs) are called herps, which means crawling things. If you really like herps and watch and learn about them you are a herper. If you go to college and study herps you can become a herpetologist and teach or work in a museum or a zoo.
2. If you do not have lizards in your area you may study salamanders. If neither is available go to pet stores or museums or use books, videos, etc.
3. Before you catch a lizard, you must prepare for this special guest.
  - a. If keeping the lizard for a short time, use a plastic see-through jar with air holes.
  - b. If you keep the lizard for more than a few hours you must (1) Know what type of lizard it is and how to care for it. (2) Provide a larger container, water, and food. (3) Place newspaper or sand in the bottom of the container to keep it dry.
4. Observe the lizard in its habitat or other locations as mentioned in Helps #2. Try catching a lizard by hand or using a noose (see the books listed below for more information).
5. Paint a lizard on a rock.
 

Draw, stencil, or stamp the outline of a lizard on the rock using pencils or acrylic paint. For details, use paintbrush, Q-tips, or toothpicks. If you want to put the rock lizard in your yard, apply clear spray for acrylic paint to preserve the art work.

## Resources

- *Reptiles and Amphibians for Dummies* by Patricia Bartlett (Wiley Publishing, 2003)
- *Reptiles and Amphibians Peterson Field Guides* by Joseph T. Collins and Roger Conant (Houghton Mifflin Company, 2003)
- *Painting on Rocks for Kids* by Lin Wellford (North Light, 2002)
- [artistsnetwork.com](http://artistsnetwork.com)
- Library or nature center

## Websites

Search for [name of your state or province, lizards]. Example: “New York Lizards”