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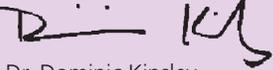
For Ridley Jones, life is one big adventure! Her home is a museum, which is fun during the day, but becomes a whole new world at night when the exhibits come to life.

Ridley Jones is a Netflix show full of daring, teamwork, and problem-solving as Ridley and her friends — a mummy, dinosaur, dodo, bison, and chimp astronaut — work together to explore the worlds inside the museum, protect priceless treasures, and tackle new challenges. As a team, Ridley and her friends learn to value others and celebrate adventure.

Your children can join the adventure with this free educational program from Netflix and the curriculum specialists at Young Minds Inspired. The program's easy-to-implement activities support early learning skills such as counting and reading, while encouraging teamwork and fine motor skills. Plus, there are family activities to send home.

We hope that you will enjoy this program and share it with other teachers in your school. And please let us know your thoughts on the program at [ymiclassroom.com/feedback-ridley-ada](https://www.ymiclassroom.com/feedback-ridley-ada). We look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Sincerely,



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ADVENTURE AWAITS WITH

RIDLEY JONES

About Ridley Jones

Six-year-old Ridley Jones lives with her mom and grandma in a museum (which is just about the coolest place on earth for kids of all ages). Every night when the lights go out and the doors lock shut, all the exhibits — the stampeding elephants, the penguins, the Egyptian tombs — come to life! And six-year-old Ridley is in charge!

Ridley and her loyal museum friends work together to save the day by solving problems all night. Meet the team: Dudley the dodo, Fred the bison, Ismat the mummy, Dante the dinosaur, and Peaches the astronaut chimp. Each brings different skills and abilities to their adventures. And the museum needs each of their unique talents. Because working together, they are stronger, even when they might disagree. Season 2 of **Ridley Jones** premieres on Netflix November 23. Learn more at www.netflix.com/title/81074666.

Target Audience

Daycare, PreK – Grade 1

Program Components

Available at [ymiclassroom.com/ridley-ada](https://www.ymiclassroom.com/ridley-ada):

- This teacher's guide
- Eight reproducible activity sheets
- A reproducible take-home letter in English and Spanish
- An educational standards chart

What Children Will Learn

- Number and counting skills
- Matching and sorting
- Letter recognition and reading skills
- Teamwork strategies
- Fine motor skills

How to Use the Program

This program can be used by teachers, parents, and caregivers. Make photocopies of the eight activity sheets to use in class or email them to families to use at home. Do the same with the take-home letter to extend the learning. In class, help children by reading each activity aloud. Students will need pencils, crayons, scissors, and glue for the activities.

Activity 1

The Eyes of the Museum

Kids will hardly believe their eyes when they meet Ridley's friends — an Egyptian mummy, an astronaut chimp, a bison, a dodo bird, and a dinosaur! In this activity, they'll work on their counting and fine motor skills as they count then cut out the correct number of objects that they may see come to life in Ridley's museum.

To start, ask the children if they've ever been to a museum. If so, what type of exhibits did they see. If not, ask what they think they might find in a museum. Next, ask them to imagine what it might be like if the animals in a museum came to life and became their friends. Explain that Ridley Jones lives in a museum and is friends with the animals.



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Distribute the activity sheet. Encourage children to identify and count aloud the sets of objects with you, touching each one as they count. Ask them to point to the numeral that matches. Next, help students cut the numeral cards from the bottom of the activity sheet and glue them to the matching sets of objects. Students can color in the objects.

Activity 2

Find the Habitat

Oh no! A baby penguin wants to go on an adventure like Ridley and her friends, but he's wandered into the exhibit of the Serengeti in Africa. In this activity, children explore animal habitats and then help Ridley's team come to the rescue.

Begin with a review of different habitats, such as oceans, mountains, forests, ice caps, and deserts, and ask the children to name animals that might live in each habitat. Next ask what a penguin needs in its habitat. What does an elephant need? How are they different and the same? Hand out the activity sheet. Students will complete a maze leading the baby penguin from the Serengeti back to its Antarctic home.

Activity 3

What's in the Box?

Museums are full of artifacts that teach us about the past. But as Ridley and her friends show us, not all museum artifacts are displayed at the same time. Ridley's team needs help. All the artifacts are in a jumble. Ask students how they think museums can keep artifacts organized.

Pass out the activity sheet. Review the directions and guide students to circle the first letter in each word. Support them as they write those letters on the blanks to spell "crown." Students will finish the activity by drawing a crown in the mystery box.

Activity 4

We're a Team!

Helping others is important, especially friends and family! In this activity, children review what it means to be a team player like Ridley and her friends. Begin by brainstorming with the children ways they can be team players in their classroom and at home. Make a class list.

Next, pass out the activity sheet. Read the directions and tool names with the children. Ask them how each tool might help Ridley protect the museum or help her friends. How might the team use them on a museum adventure? Have students work in teams to find and circle tools that help Ridley's team.

Activity 5

On Patrol!

The animals and artifacts at the museum come out at night for some fun! One of Ridley's jobs is to make sure that the animals and artifacts go back to their exhibits by morning. In this matching activity, the children will match the animal/artifact with its exhibit home.

Ask the children what they would like to see in a museum. Next, pass out the activity sheet. Review the directions and ask the children to look at the exhibits on the right side of the activity sheet. Read the labels and talk about what else you might see in the exhibits. Have students draw a line to match the objects to their exhibits.

Activity 6

Ridley's Rules of Respect

Ridley learns the importance of respecting others even when we are different. Ask the children to stand in a straight line and answer a series of agree or disagree questions (e.g., about favorite colors, foods, pets, etc.), showing a thumbs up when they agree and a thumbs down when they don't. While this is a simple exercise, just like Ridley, children will learn that while we may not always agree, we can still respect one another's differences and be great friends.

To follow up, the children add their own ideas to a list called "Ridley's Rules of Respect." Hand out the activity sheet. Read Ridley's rules together. Ask the students what else they could do to work well in a group and treat others with kindness. The children can add their own ideas with pictures and words. Create your own classroom version of the list for display.

Activity 7

Celebrating Differences!

Dudley is a flightless bird. Ismat is an Egyptian queen. Peaches is an astronaut. Dante is a skateboarding dinosaur. And Fred is a kind-hearted bison. *Ridley Jones* demonstrates that we are all unique and that makes us special. Ask the children to think about, "What makes you, you?" Start a classroom discussion about differences and celebrating one another by asking the children to share something that

makes them special. Provide an example to get them started.

Next hand out the activity sheet. Encourage the children to write their name and then circle the words that describe them. This can be done at home with a grown-up. Children then draw a self-portrait on the bottom of the page. Have the children share their answers with the class to celebrate diversity and discover what they have in common.

Activity 8

Dudley's Dream

Dudley is a dodo who dreams of flying and tries to move into the eagle exhibit to make his dream come true. In this activity, children brainstorm new things that they want to try and draw a picture of themselves doing it!

First, ask the children to share some things they dream of doing. Hand out the activity sheet and encourage them to draw or write about their dreams. They can have more than one! Support emerging writers by scribing a caption for their drawings. These can be put into a class book to share in the library center or displayed around the room.

There's More Online!

Visit ymiclassroom.com/ridley-ada for additional resources to continue your adventures:

- **Museum Virtual Field Trip** – Take children on a trip to the Natural History Museum of Utah with a 360-degree video experience. You'll also find an accompanying 4-page teaching kit with activity sheets to use with the virtual tour. Learn more about the museum at nhmu.utah.edu.
- **Passport to Adventure Interactive Digital Quiz** – Engage children with this interactive quiz that combines video clips from *Ridley Jones* with fun multiple-choice and drag-and-drop questions.
- **Museum of Me Activity Kit** – Celebrate your students by having them create their own museum exhibits about themselves. The kit includes a teacher's guide and reproducible activity sheets to help students create their exhibits. You can do this activity in class or share the kit with families to do at home.



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The Eyes of the Museum

Ridley Jones lives in a museum.
She loves exploring. The museum is full of treasures.
Help Ridley count what she sees.

1 **2** **3** **Count** the treasures.

	1
	2
	3
	4
	5

 **Cut out** the number cards below.



Glue each card to its match on the chart.

1	2	3	4	5
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Families: Help your children swing into adventure with Ridley Jones and her friends. Season 2 premieres on Netflix November 23.

What's in the Box?

Ridley's team needs help! One of the museum's artifacts is hidden in a box. Help Ridley and her team solve the mystery. What is inside the box?

A Circle the first letter of each word.



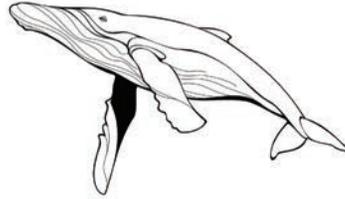
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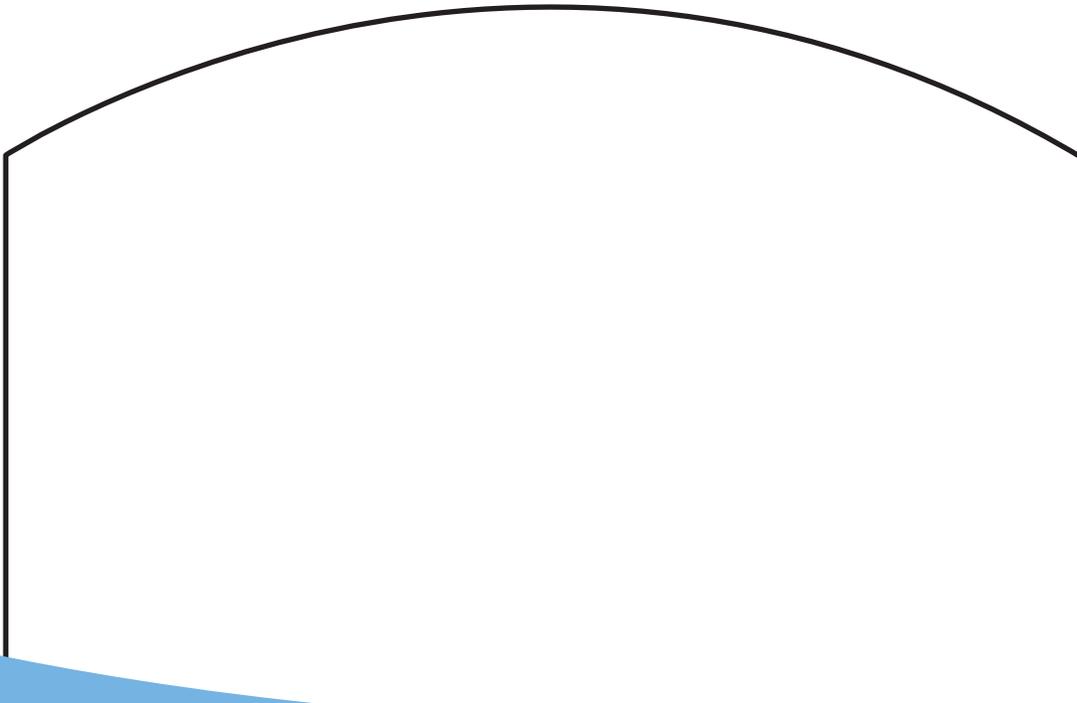


nuts

Write the circled letters on the lines to find out what is in the mystery box.



Draw a picture of what is in the box.



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Activity 4

We're a Team!



It's nighttime in the museum. The exhibits are coming to life! Help Ridley and her team find their tools so that they can help protect the exhibits.



Look for tools in the picture.



Circle the tools you find.



Then color the picture.

Tools



flashlight



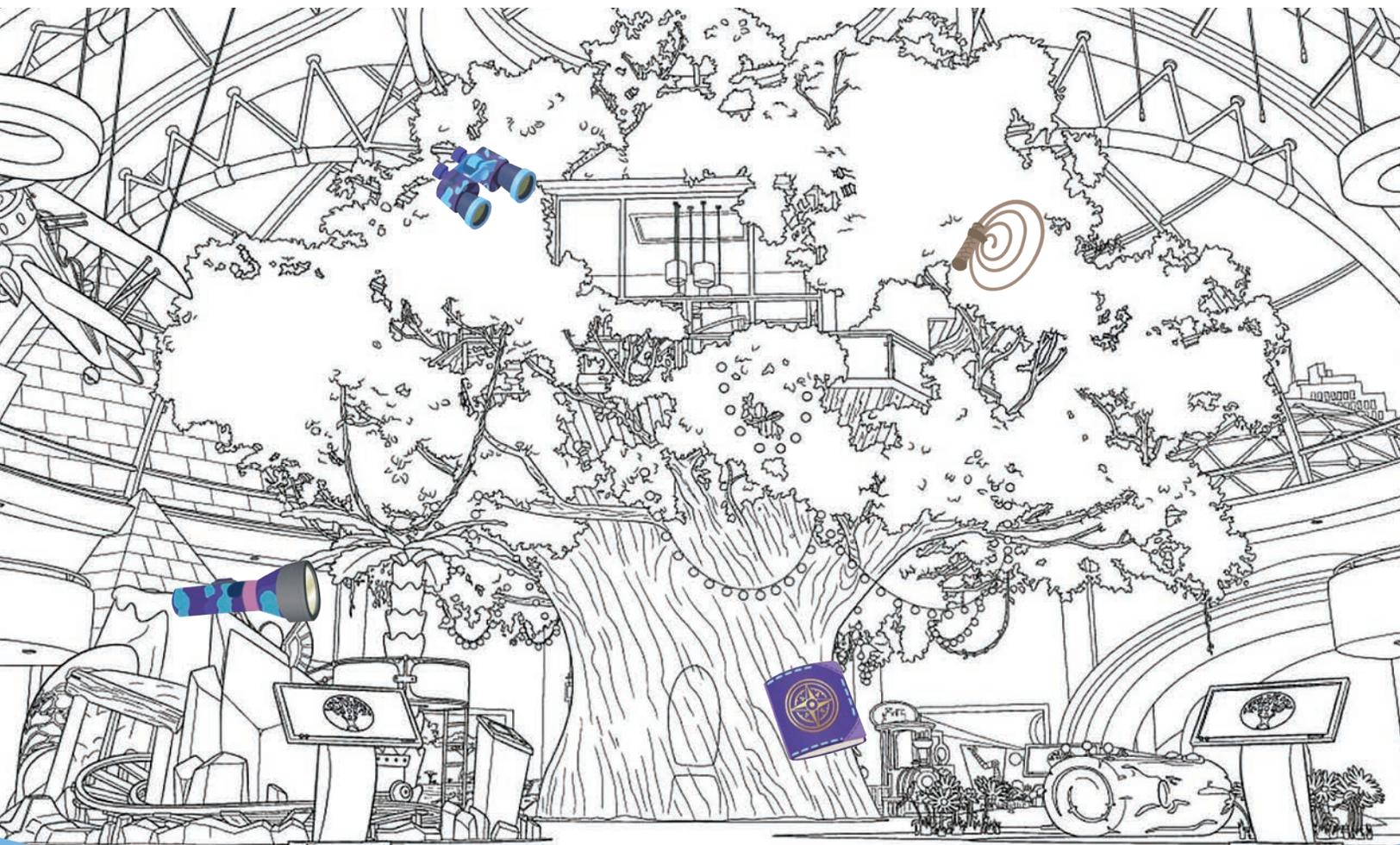
binoculars



passport



whip



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It's almost dawn at the museum, but the exhibits are a mess!
Help Ridley put the animals and artifacts back where they belong.



Draw a line to match each animal or artifact to its museum home.



Peaches



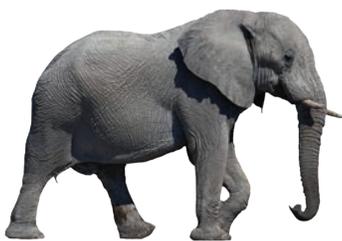
Antarctica Exhibit



penguins



Space Exhibit



elephant



Serengeti Exhibit



Ismat



Ancient Egypt Exhibit

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Ridley's Rules of Respect

Ridley loves her team. But sometimes they disagree. That's OK. Help Ridley finish her Rules of Respect.

Ridley's Rules of Respect



Listen to each other.



Use kind words.



Take turns talking.



Clean up your space.



Keep your hands to yourself.

Add your own rules!



Draw or



write your ideas.



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Celebrating Differences!



Ridley's team is unique! Dudley is a bird that can't fly.
 Ismat is an Egyptian queen. Peaches is an astronaut.
 Dante is a skateboarding dinosaur. And Fred is a friendly bison.
 Now tell everyone about you!



Write your name here. _____



Circle the word that matches you.

My hair is brown black red blonde

My eyes are brown hazel green blue

I like dogs cats skunks bunnies fish

I like sports science reading writing singing dancing

I like the color red blue green pink yellow brown orange black

Add your own idea here: **I like** _____



Draw and **color** a picture of you here!



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Dudley's Dream

Dudley is a dodo bird who dreams of flying.
What are your dreams? What do you want to try?



Draw a picture of what you want to do here.



I dream of _____

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Dear Families,

Adventure awaits you and your child! At school, your child is learning about friendship, teamwork, and respecting differences, while developing social-emotional skills with Ridley Jones, a fearless girl who lives in a museum and protects its magical secrets when the exhibits come alive at night.

You can have your own learning adventure at home! Visit ymiclassroom.com/ridley-ada to explore these interactive resources:

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As a family, create your own adventures with the following ideas:

- Imagine your family lived in a museum like Ridley Jones. Talk about what a day would be like, what fun adventures you could have, and what might be a challenge.
- Visit a local museum and look for animals like Ridley's friends.
- Play a matching game – call out the name of an animal and have your child match it to its habitat: ocean, desert, mountain, forest, or ice cap.
- Have your child imagine that they are a museum tour guide and have them give you a “tour” and share the information that they've learned from Ridley Jones.



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