SYNOPSIS:
Manny the Mammoth thinks he has everything he needs to survive the Ice Age, but his plans quickly change when he and a ground sloth are tasked with returning a baby human to its “herd.” When a saber-toothed cat offers to help them, chaos ensues and it takes everyone working together to survive what lies ahead. So put on a warm coat and get ready to join the herd as we watch Ice Age!

After the movie, check out some of our fun activities and games below to bring the adventure from the “Ice Age” into your own home.

CREATE CAVE ART
When the characters take a shortcut through caves, the art they find on the walls helps them better understand not only each other but the humans that had made it. Cave art has been found all over the world, showing many different things, including scenes of everyday life. Archaeologists (scientists who study people from the past by looking at what they left behind) can use cave art to understand what was important to the people who made it. What would scientists from the future learn about you if you made your own version of cave art?

To create your own cave art:
• Find a piece of brown or tan paper – a paper grocery bag or cardboard box will work! If you don’t have a brown piece of paper, any paper or box will work.
• Pick three activities that you like to do.
  o Think about the games you like to play, family, friends, pets or things you like learning more about.
  o Think about what you could draw to represent the activities you have chosen.
• Using markers, crayons or paint, draw each thing or activity on your paper.
• Try to include as many details as you can in your drawing. The more details you include, the more scientists in the future will learn about what was important to you!
• Draw your activities, then hang up your cave art somewhere where everyone can see what you have created or share it with others online! Can they guess the activities you chose?
**ACORN HUNT**

Whether it involves accidentally causing a landslide or continuing his hunt 20,000 years after it began, Scratch the Squirrel remains determined to find his acorn no matter what happens. Do you think you could keep up with Scratch when it comes to finding an acorn? To play Acorn Hunt:

- Set the boundaries for the area you are playing in – you’ll need room to move around and places to hide things.
- Find an item to be the “acorn.” This will be the item that everyone will be trying to find.
- Pick someone to hide the acorn.
- While the hider is hiding the acorn, everyone playing should go to another room or stand somewhere where they can’t see or hear what the hider is doing.
- Once the acorn is hidden, the hider tells everyone to come back to the playing area.
- It’s time to start the acorn hunt!
- While looking for the acorn, the hider can give clues to help everyone search.
- Whoever finds the acorn first wins!

**If you would like an extra challenge in Acorn Hunt you can:**

- Set a time limit for the hunt (example: You only have five minutes to find the acorn.)
- Time the hunt to see how long it takes to find the acorn, then play again to see if you can beat that time by finding the acorn faster.
- If more than one person is playing, having different acorns for each person to find their own.
- Choose something small and easy to hide for the acorn – you could use a coin, a marble or something even smaller that will be easier to hide and harder to find!

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**LET’S READ!**

Find a comfortable spot and read together! Here are some ideas to get you started:

- *Ice Age: The Movie* Novel by J. E. Bright
- *Ice Age Mammoth* by Barbara Hehner
- *In the Ice Age* by J.C. Greenburg
- *DK Eyewitness: Prehistoric Life* by William Lindsay

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EXPLORE AT HOME
Want to learn more about the Ice Age (without being hunted by saber-toothed cats or being stuck in a blizzard)?

Check out the Sam Noble Museum’s exhibits here: https://samnoblemuseum.ou.edu/permanent-exhibits/

or explore our behind-the-scenes collections here https://samnoblemuseum.ou.edu/collections-and-research/

You can also visit other natural history museums at the links below!
• The La Brea Tar Pits and Museum
  https://tarpits.org/
• The Arizona Museum of Natural History
  https://www.arizonamuseumofnaturalhistory.org/home

Interested in exploring the cave that inspired the cave art in the movie? Check out the link below!
• The Lascaux Cave Art in Lascaux, France
  https://archeologie.culture.fr/lascaux/en/visit-cave/diverticule-axial