African Voices Hall
Pre-Visit Story
Morning at the Museum
• When I am at the National Museum of Natural History, I can visit the African Voices exhibit.

• In it I can learn about the people who live in Africa.
• African Voices is darker than the rest of the museum.
• This is to help protect the objects that are on display.
• Some objects are very old, and very delicate: even light can damage them.
Sounds

- When I am in African Voices, I will hear many sounds.
- I will hear people talking.
- There will be people playing musical instruments like drums and rattles
- If there are too many sounds for me I will let my adult know and we can take a break.
On Exhibit

• I will see different kinds of things on display in the African Voices Hall.

• I will see real artifacts.

• I will see replicas—these are things that look like real artifacts but aren’t.

• I will see things I can touch.
Sculptures

- I will see sculptures that look like people.
- They are stylized—so they don’t look like real people.
- They are behind glass. So I can look, but I cannot touch them.
On Exhibit

• I will see books I can turn pages in.
• I will see computers I can interact with.
Pretend Food

- There is pretend food that I can touch.
- I should not try to eat this pretend food.
- If I am hungry I can let my grown up know and we can go somewhere for a snack.
Movie

• There is a movie theater in the back of the exhibit.
• I can sit if I want to watch the movie.
• I do not have to watch the movie if I do not want to.
Leaving the Exhibit

At the exit of African Voices I can go into the Fossil Hall.

If I want, I can stay in African Voices.

Natural History is a big museum and it is okay if I don't see everything today.
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