MALI Story Time

Books:

Music:

Finger play:
Five Little Monkeys swinging from a tree
Teasing Mr. Crocodile
Can’t catch me
Along came Mr. Crocodile
Quiet as can be

And... SNAP!
Four little monkeys...
Three little monkeys...
Two little monkeys...

Craft:
Make your own Mancala game
Egg cartons, Altoids mint tins, paint, paint brushes, beans or stones, rules to Mancala, a pouch for the stones
There are many other versions of rules to the game available in books and on the internet.

Other Activities:
Map of Africa from CSLP Children’s Manual. Have kids find Mali and color it in on the map. They can also color in other parts of the map. Use a globe to help the children find Mali.
Make a Mancala Game:

Materials:

Egg carton

Paint

Paint brushes

2 empty Altoid tins or other containers large enough to be the storage pits.

Stones or other items to serve as the seeds. I used aquarium stones. Beans or small shells would work well.

Tacky Glue or a hot glue gun

A piece of foam core or cardboard to secure the carton and tins.

Directions:

Remove the top of the egg carton leaving only the egg shaped holders.

Paint/decorate the egg carton as you wish.

Use a strong glue to secure the egg carton and the tins to the board.
Once dry you can begin to play.

**Kalah: A good beginner’s game for kids**

Directions to Kalah are available online from: Dewar, Gwen. "Mancala Games for Kids."


There are many other variations of the game also available in books and online.