

Activity Sheet



"Sounds on the Farm"

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"Sounds on the Farm" explores some of the different animals that can be found on the farm and the sounds that they make. Enjoy looking at a new animal and learning the sound they make as you turn through the pages.

Before you read this book:

Ask the child what kind of animals they think live on the farm. Talk about the different sounds they make. What animals do they see on the cover of the book? What other animals do they think might be in the book?

While you read this book:

As you turn through the pages, ask the child questions about what the animals look like, what sounds they make, or what might they feel like if you pet them. Here are a few examples, "Can you crow like a rooster?" "What color feathers does the rooster have?" "What would the rooster's feathers feel like if you were to pet him?" "What do you think roosters eat?"

After you read this book:

Ask the child what animals they think live in their neighborhood, at the zoo, or in the forest. What sounds do those animals make? Ask the child if those animals have fur or feathers? What color are they? Talk about what foods those animals might eat or whether they sleep at night or during the daytime.

Try this at home:

- Go to the park, take a walk on a local nature trail, or visit the zoo. Listen to the sounds. Ask your child what sounds they hear. What animals do they think are making those sounds.
- Ask your child to draw a picture of their favorite animal. When they are done, ask them to tell you about their drawing and why that animal is their favorite, or ask them to make up a silly story about the animal they drew.
- Sing the song "Old MacDonald Had a Farm"

Additional Resources

"Barnyard Dance" by Sandra Boynton

"Little Blue Truck" by Alice Schertle

"Moo, Baa, La La La" by Sandry Boynton