



**Family Activity Ideas
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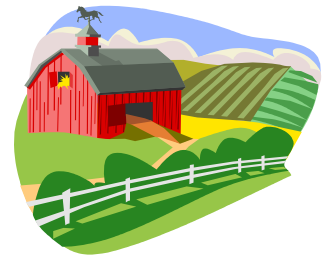
Barney's Farm Animals

By Kimberly Kearns and Marie O'Brien
Illustrated by Karen Malzeke-McDonald

Barney explores the farm and finds a variety of animals from ducks to cows. Children will love to imitate all of the farm animal sounds. Discover where Barney finds the animals and how he helps out on the farm.

Discussion

The younger the child, the more language you will have to provide during discussion. As you read this book encourage your child to point to the pictures of the animals and imitate their sounds. What sound does a cow make? Where are the baby chicks? Let your child hold the book and practice turning the pages.



Activities

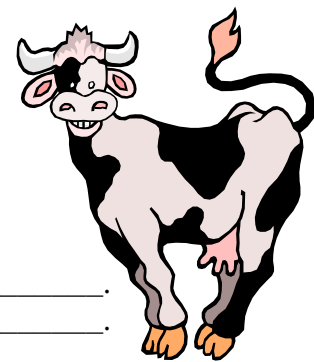
• Feely Boards:

Using materials that have different textures to create a feely board. Try using cotton balls, feathers, yarn, vinyl, sandpaper, old towels or anything you find that feels interesting. Securely glue samples of these items onto poster board. As your child touches the textures use descriptive words (smooth, fluffy, bumpy, sticky, soft, etc) to label how they feel.

• Song: Down on Barney's Farm

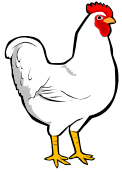
Down on Barney's farm there is a big brown cow,
Down on Barney's farm there is a big brown cow,
The cow he makes a sound like this –Moo, Moo,
The cow he makes a sound like this –Moo, Moo.

Down on Barney's farm there is a _____.
Down on Barney's farm there is a _____.
The _____ he makes a sound like this -- _____,
The _____ he makes a sound like this-- _____.



• **Ooblek:**

Mix 3 cups cornstarch, 2 cups warm water and a few drops of food coloring together with a fork on a cookie sheet with sides. Is it a solid or liquid? Is it wet or dry? Let your child draw and manipulate the ooblek with their hands. This is an easy clean-up activity, ooblek turns to powder when dry, and can be dusted off clothes and furniture.



Other Books For Children

Barney's Clothes by Mary Ann Dudko, Ph.D.

Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown

Fuzzy Yellow Ducklings by Matthew Van Fleet



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