



Family Activity Ideas

Ready to Read

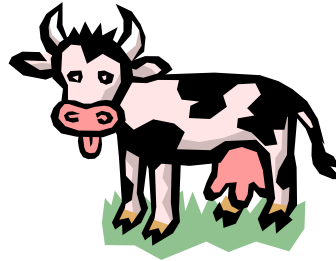
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The Cow That Went OINK

Written and Illustrated by Bernard Most

This story shows that teasing hurts and that being different is special. In the barnyard, a cow that oinks and a pig that moos are teased by the other animals. Together, they teach each other a new sound.

Discussion

Before you read the book, look at the cover with your child and ask him or her to guess what the story will be about. As you read the story, talk with your child. Ask about how the cow and the pig feel about the way the other animals treat them. Has anyone ever made fun of or teased your child? How did it feel?

Activities

- **Read the book with expression!** Give each animal its own voice and special sound. Encourage your child to fill in the animal sounds as you read. Be sure to include all of the sound words in the cartoon bubbles.
- **Sing a mixed up version of “Old MacDonald Had A Farm.”** It might go something like this:

Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O,
and on his farm he had a cow, E-I-E-I-O,
with an oink-oink here and an oink-oink there,
here an oink, there an oink, everywhere an oink-oink,
Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O!

Encourage your child to continue the song using unusual combinations of animals in their sounds!



- **Visit the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and Rainforest!**

3900 Wildlife Way
Cleveland, Ohio
(216) 661-6500

Hours: Monday – Friday, 10:00-5:00, Saturday- Sunday, 9:00-5:00
\$7 for adults, \$4 for ages 2-11, under 2 years-old are free.
Mondays from 9-12 are free!

- **Make animal puppets with brown-paper lunch bags.** Decorate them using markers and any art materials you have to look like an animal face. Be creative! Children could also use a white paper plate and a popsicle stick for their puppet.



Other Books for Children

A Color of His Own by Leo Lionni

The Mitten by Jan Brett

Inside a Barn in the Country by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Don't forget to visit your local library!!!

