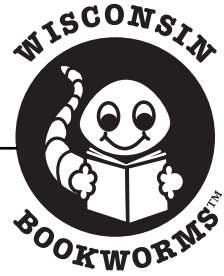


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Activity Sheet



The Cat Barked?

by Lydia Monks

What happens when a cat wishes she were a dog?

"Silly old cat,
If your wish did come true,
You'd have to do things
You wouldn't want to do."

Before you read this book, talk about cats and dogs. What is different about cats and dogs? Practice barking and meowing as a group.

While you read this book, stop on the pages with many dogs or cats and count the animals together. Point to each dog or cat and say the numbers out loud together.

After you read this book, play a cats' and dogs' treasure game.

Using the sand table or plastic tubs filled with sand, hide dog bones, biscuits or chew sticks and cat toys (toy mouse, bell, piece of string). Then give the kids digging spoons and encourage them to search for hidden objects. They should decide whether the toy/object is for a cat or dog. Collect all the items in boxes labeled for each animal. Don't forget to count them.

At home, make cat masks with your kids. Cut a paper plate in half, then cut one of the halves in half again (for ears). Have the kids decorate the cat face with eyes and a nose (and whiskers). Hold the masks up and meow!

Check out these other great books about other great cats

Barn Cat by Carol P. Saul, illustrated by Mary Azarian

Naming the Cat by Laurence Pringle, illustrated by Katherine Potter

I Walk at Night by Lois Duncan, paintings by Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher

Cats Do, Dogs Don't by Norma Simon, illustrated by Dora Leder

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