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Activity Sheet



Cock-a-Moo-Moo

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Whenever Rooster tries to crow, it comes out like one of his farm animal friends. He doesn't sound at all like a rooster. After averting a near disaster and saving his friends, he finally comes up with Cock-a-Doodle-Do!

Before you read this book, ask the children what kind of noises barnyard animals make. Use stuffed animals for props.

While you read this book, ask the kids what kind of animal is shown on the page and what sound they make before reading the text on each page. Encourage them to join in when the text describes the animal sound on the page.

Reading tip: run your finger beneath the text as you read. This helps children see how the text reads from left to right on the page.

After you read this book, make rooster puppets out of paper bags and construction paper. For a puppet pattern try the following Web site:
<http://www.abcteach.com/free/b/bagpuppetinstructions.pdf>

Put different objects (such as seeds, dried corn, a button and cotton balls) into plastic eggs and have the children guess what is in each one. Which one is the loudest, the quietest?

Play hot potato with a stuffed animal rooster. Throw the rooster from person to person while listening to a fun farm song—try "Old MacDonald had a Farm." When the music stops, the person holding the rooster is out. Play until only one person is left.

Check out *The Cow That Went Oink* by Bernard Most and the First Book activity sheet available at wpt.org/kids/firstbook/past_booklist.html for more animal sound activities.

Try these other great farm animal books:

Oink by Arthur Geisert.

Barn Dance by Bill Martin, a Reading Rainbow selection

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