

My Journey Home Family Connection

Your child will listen to and talk about a book called *Mice Squeak, We Speak*. This book tells about the sounds animals make to communicate.

DAY
1

Pass the Word Print the word *we* on a slip of paper. Hold up the paper, read the word *we*, and use the word in a sentence that tells about something you and your child do together. For example, you might say: *We cook dinner on Fridays*. Pass the paper to your child. Ask your child to do the same thing: read the word and use it in a sentence. Take turns passing the paper and saying sentences.

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2

All Sorts of Characters Think of some animal stories you and your child know, such as “The Three Little Pigs” or “Little Red Riding Hood.” Talk about each of the story characters’ actions and feelings.

Your child can draw a picture showing how one of the story characters feels. Label the picture with the character’s name and any feeling words that your child suggests.

CHALLENGE

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Turtle Title Pretend with your child that you are getting a pet turtle. You need to think of a name for the turtle, but the name must begin with the letter *T*. Work together to come up with *T* names. Write the names in a list, asking your child to write the letters *T* and *t* in the names.

Farm Tune Read this song aloud, and then sing it with your child. Add more verses, using other animals and their sounds.

Ask: Which animal on the farm do you think is the noisiest? Why?

Old MacDonald

Old MacDonald had a farm,

E-I-E-I-O.

And on this farm he had a duck,

E-I-E-I-O.

With a "quack, quack" here,

And a "quack, quack" there,

Here a "quack," there a "quack,"

Everywhere a "quack, quack."

Old MacDonald had a farm,

E-I-E-I-O.



Animal Sounds Game Start off by making an animal sound. Ask your child to tell what animal makes that sound. Then it's your child's turn to make an animal sound. Play several rounds of the game.



Book Links

- *The Cow Who Clucked*, by Denise Fleming
- *Chuck's Band*, by Peggy Perry Anderson **CHALLENGE**



Internet Challenge With your child, choose a favorite animal. Look at books or search the Internet to find out how this animal communicates.