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FOR YOU: a copy of these activities is available in back of this notebook.

Welcome to *The Farm* Theme Kit. Our target age group is 2 to 5 year olds but we have included at least one board book for babies to use. All these books read aloud well, and there are activities, finger plays, and teacher guides to help you. Also, take a look at the general information sheet on the inside cover of this notebook. ENJOY!

# Related Activities

-Fun and Games-

#### **ROSIE'S WALK**

After reading **Rosie's Walk**, set up your own obstacle course, across the room, under the table, over the dishpan, around the chair, etc. The children will enjoy following you, and then they can take turns leading each other a different way.

#### **OUR FARM \*\***

On a large piece of paper, draw a big barn and a barnyard. Invite the children to decorate the scene with color and details. Have them draw in animals and other things they've learned are on a farm, such as farming machinery, farmer and family, crops and outbuildings.



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#### LITTLE RED HEN BREAD

Read **The Little Red Hen** and make your own delicious bread, with everyone helping, of course! Here is an easy cornbread recipe that takes about 1 hour from starting the recipe to bringing warm bread to the table.

Mix together in a bowl -

½ cup yellow cornmeal

1 ½ cup flour

2/3 cup sugar

3 tsp baking powder

Mix together

2 beaten eggs

1 ¼ cup milk

1/3 cup oil

Combine and stir until all just moistened. Put in 8" x 8" pan.

Bake in 350° oven for 35-40 minutes until top is golden brown and toothpick comes out clean.

Alternative: You could also bake storebought refrigerator biscuits or a boxed muffin or cake mix.

#### WHERE IS THUMBKIN Adult Resource

There are many farm-related activities in the book included in this kit. Here are a few of them:

Farmer in the Dell p. 30 The Old Gray Mare p. 36 Old MacDonald Had a Farm p. 38 B-I-N-G-O p. 44 Five Little Ducks p. 118 Six Little Ducks p. 128 Fiddle-i-Fee p. 140 Baa, Baa, Black Sheep p. 224

There are also many fun activities and suggestions, listed by the month in this book.



#### SIX LITTLE DUCKS

Traditional - Suit actions to words

Six little ducks that I once knew Fat ones, thin ones, Fair ones too.

Chorus:

But the one little duck with the

But the one little duck with the Feather in his/her back
He led the others with his
Quack quack quack.
Quack quack quack
Quack quack quack
He led the others with his
Quack quack quack.

Down to the river they did go Wibble, wobble, wibble, wobble To and fro Chorus

Home from the river they did come Wibble wobble wibble wobble Ho-hum hum Chorus

You can give a child a feather to put behind his or her back, and lead the others, quacking and wibble wobbling.

#### -Fingerplays and Action Rhymes-

#### **OLD MACDONALD HAD A FARM**

Traditional

EIEIO! And on this farm he had some cows EIEIO!

With a moo, moo here and a Moo, moo there

Here a moo, there a moo, everywhere a moo, moo. Old MacDonald had a farm, EIEIO!

Old MacDonald had a farm,

He had some pigs, chicks, ducks, sheep, a cat, a dog, and they all make noise!

You can make simple paper plate masks of all these animals and let the children act out the song.

#### **COUNTING PIGS \***

Sung to tune of Ten Little Indians

One little, two little, three little pigs, Four little, five little, six little pigs, Seven little, eight little, nine little pigs,

Ten are in the mud.

All are pink with pudgy noses, They don't smell a bit like roses, Curly tails that look like hoses. Rolling in the mud.

Ten little, nine little, eight little pigs, Seven little, six little, five little pigs, Four little, three little, two little pigs. One is in the mud.

Cut ten pig shapes out of pink felt and a big mud puddle out of brown felt. Place the puddle shape on a flannelboard. As you sing the first verse, place the pig shapes on the mud puddle, one at a time. Then remove the pigs as you sing the last verse. You could also make all the pieces out of paper instead of felt.

# **CREEPY CRAWLY**

Creepy crawly, little mousey From the barney to the housey Up upon the kitchen shelf, Here's the cheese Help yourself!

#### I WENT TO THE FARM \*\*

I went to the farm the other day (March in place)
I saw a cow across the way (point)
And what do you think I heard it say?
(Cup hand to ear)
Moo, moo, moo!

Repeat with other farm animals.



#### IF I WERE A FARMER \*

Sung to: "Did you ever see a lassie?" Act out the verses as you sing.

Oh, if I were a farmer, a farmer, a farmer

Oh, if I were a farmer, what would I do? I would milk the cows each morning Each morning, each morning I would milk the cows each morning, that's what I'd do.

Continue using:
I would feed the baby chickens
I would gather eggs for breakfast

Let the children come up with things for the farmer to do.

\*These ideas were found on the Internet at www.preschooleducation.com

Extend left arm, make a 'mouse' with right hand. Put on top of left hand, and crawl up arm to shoulder for "shelf". Turn head, offering ear as 'cheese'. Right fingers 'nibble' on ear!

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