



ANIMALS

This Read Together Kit contains stories that are fun to share with one or many children. Combine these stories with any of the suggested songs and rhymes to create an animal-themed storytime.

Titles in this kit include:

Toddler and older:

- *I Like the Farm* by Shelly Rotner
- *Maria Had a Little Llama/María tenía una llamita* by Angela Dominguez
- *Old Mikamba Had a Farm* by Rachel Isadora
- *We Love You, Rosie!* by Cynthia Rylant

Preschool and older:

- *Excellent Ed* by Stacy McAnulty
- *Have You Seen Elephant?* by David Barrow
- *One Day in the Eucalyptus, Eucalyptus Tree* by Daniel Bernstrom

Early Learning Ideas:

- How many animals do you see in a day? You can grow your child's vocabulary by helping them to name the animal. You can also make a list of animals you see throughout the day, which promotes writing, and count together how many animals are on the list.
- Make animals sounds together. Animal sounds are exaggerated letter sounds and they help children to hear the individual sounds in letters, an important pre-reading skill.
- Use the information listed in the back pages of *Old Mikamba Had a Farm* to learn more about the animals in the book. Adding to a child's understanding of the world builds their reading skills because they are better able to make meaning of what they are reading.

We would appreciate your feedback on these Read Together Kits.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ReadTogetherKit>



Storytime Songs and Rhymes:

Can You Stretch?

Can you hop like a rabbit? (Hop)

Can you jump like a frog (Squat and jump)

Can you walk like a duck? (Waddle with arms tucked)

Can you run like a dog? (Run in place)

Can you fly like a bird? (Flap arms and soar)

Can you swim like a fish? (Pucker mouth and make swimming motions)

Can you sit still as can be?

As still as this? (Sit quickly and hold as still as you can with hands clasped)

Watch a video of this movement: <https://www.storyblocks.org/project/can-you-stretch/>

I Went to Visit a Farm One Day

I went to visit a farm one day, I saw a pig across the way,
And what do you think I heard it say? Oink, Oink, Oink!

I went to visit a farm one day, I saw a sheep across the way,
And what do you think I heard it say? Baa, Baa, Baa!

I went to visit a farm one day, I saw a dog along the way,
And what do you think the dog did say? Ruff, ruff, ruff.

Add additional animals and sounds to make up new verses

Watch a video of this song:

<https://www.storyblocks.org/project/i-went-to-visit-a-farm-one-day-lisa-dengerink/>

La araña pequeñita (Spanish)

La araña pequeñita,
subió, subió, subió.

Vino la lluvia y se la llevó.

Salió el sol y todo lo seco.

Y la araña pequeñita,
subió, subió, subió.

Watch a video of this song: go to the WCCLS Birth2Six YouTube channel and search for
“La araña pequeñita - rima”