



Old MacDonald

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Here are some different activities to do with your child at home or in the classroom.

- Sing one of the verses and then ask the child to pick up the appropriate animal card. Even better, ask him to sing along with you the moment he recognizes the correct animal.
- If there are other children in the class or family, think about having a “friendly competition.” Put the cards in front of the children and start to sing one of the verses of “Old MacDonald.” Who is able to point to or pick up the appropriate card first? Don’t stop after you’ve sung “... and on that farm he had a DOG,” for example, but keep going with “E I E I O. With a woof woof here, etc.,” and encourage the children to join in. The child with the most cards wins!
- Here’s an activity to use with two sets of cards from the Old MacDonald activity. Distribute one set of the cards to the children. The number each child receives will depend on the number of children involved in the activity. Keep the second set of cards for yourself. Shuffle your set of cards and then pick the top card and sing the appropriate verse. The child who has the correct card has to place it face up on the table. The first child to have all his cards on the table wins!
- If at all possible, it’s always a good idea to have more than one singer. At home or at school, female and male singers can take turns singing the songs, but they should not sing together as that might be quite difficult at first. Brothers and sisters can also join in as singers. Try to make the activities as fun as possible for everyone.
- There are many other children’s songs related to farms and animals, which can be used for similar activities. Try to build up a series of songs that can be sung together. Here are some songs that might be suitable. If you don’t know the songs or their tunes, search for them online using Google or another search engine.





Old MacDonald

BAA BAA Black Sheep

Baa, baa black sheep. Have you any wool?
Yes sir, yes sir. Three bags full!
One for the master; one for the dame,
And one for the little boy, who lives down the lane.

Mary had a Little Lamb

Mary had a little lamb, little lamb, little lamb.
Mary had a little lamb. Its fleece was white as snow.
And everywhere that Mary went, Mary went, Mary went.
Everywhere that Mary went. That lamb was sure to go.

I Had a Little Rooster

I had a little rooster and my rooster pleased me,
I fed my rooster on a green berry tree,
And my little rooster went, "Cock - a - doodle - doo
Dee-doodle-dee, doodle-dee, doodle-dee-doo!"

Five Little Ducks



Five little ducks went out one day,
Over the hills and far away.
Mother Duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack!"
But only four little ducks came back.

Four little ducks ...

Three little ducks ...

Two little ducks ...

One little duck ...

Poor Mother Duck went out one day,
Over the hills and far away.
Mother Duck said, "Quack, quack, quack, quack!"
And all of her five little ducks came back.



