



Farmyard Storytime

Sing “All the Little Chicks” *(to the tune of “Wheels on the Bus”)*

All the little chicks say peep-peep-peep

Peep-peep-peep, peep-peep-peep

All the little chicks say peep-peep-peep

Down on the farm

(Repeat with “All the mama chickens lay their eggs” and “the big old rooster says ‘cock-a-doodle-doo”)

Sing “Old MacDonald”

Old MacDonald had a farm

Ee-i-ee-i-oh

And on the farm he had a cow

Ee-i-ee-i-oh

With a moo-moo here

And moo-moo there

Here a moo, there a moo

Everywhere a moo-moo

Old MacDonald had a farm

Ee-i-ee-i-oh

(repeat with other farm animals, then have the child think of one and ask them what sound it makes before singing the next verse)

“B-I-N-G-O”

There was a farmer had a dog

And Bingo was his name, oh

B-I-N-G-O, B-I-N-G-O, B-I-N-G-O

And Bingo was his name, oh

(with older kids you can clap away another letter for each verse, with younger kids just sing the first verse twice)

Read *Love Is* by Diana Adams *(available on TumbleBooks)*

Sing “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

The lamb was sure to go

Sing “Picked Our Harvest”

Picked an apple, picked an apple (*reach up towards the tree branches*)

That was growing in the sun (*make a circle shape with arms*)

First I washed it (*rub hands together*), then I ate it (*take a bite and say ‘mmm!’*)

Then I picked another one (*reach up again*)

(Ask your child to name some fruits or vegetables to pick on the farm. Once they tell you, think about how you would pick it. For example, instead of washing the corn, you shuck it or you cook it and then eat it. Also, some things grow on the ground and some grow on the trees, etc., so you can explore different ways of growing produce and show that in your motions.)

Read *One Duck Stuck* by Phyllis Root (*available on TumbleBooks*)

Sing “Big Red Tractor” (*to the tune of “Little Red Wagon”*)

Bumpin’ up and down in my big red tractor (*bounce up and down*)

Bumpin’ up and down in my big red tractor

Bumpin’ up and down in my big red tractor

Won’t you be my darlin’

One wheel’s off and the axle’s broken (*move body side to side*)

One wheel’s off and the axle’s broken

One wheel’s off and the axle’s broken

Won’t you be my darlin’

I can fix it with my hammer (*make hammering motion with hands*)

I can fix it with my hammer

I can fix it with my hammer

Won’t you be my darlin’

Bumpin’ up and down in my big red tractor (*bounce up and down*)

Bumpin’ up and down in my big red tractor

Bumpin’ up and down in my big red tractor

Won’t you be my darlin’

Play “That’s What I Did on the Farm” by Laurie Berkner to wrap up

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