

LET'S GO VISITING

Kittens, piglets, ducklings...the farmyard is full of fun! So let's go visiting and see who's ready to play. Then once we've counted and recounted our colorful friends, let's snuggle up with this adorable menagerie and take an afternoon nap.

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Themes: Color Identification

Animal Identification

Counting

This is a wonderful counting story in which a boy visits his farmyard friends, from one brown foal to six yellow puppies. While reading this story, your child can practice their counting skills right along with identifying the farm animals that appear on each page. They can also identify the colors of each animal.

Ask the children to say the names of the animals while you make a list. Take turns making the sound that each animal on the list makes. Are there different ways to sound like the same animal (bow-wow; woof, woof; or arf, arf)? This might be a good time for everyone to sing "Old MacDonald".

Talk about the names of the animals while they are babies (calf, puppy, piglet) and what they will be called when they grow up (cow, dog, pig). This may help them to understand that these animals grow up and change just like people do.