

MICE SQUEAK, WE SPEAK

Simple rhymes and bright illustrations combined with three children and a menagerie of animals make this book an adventure in the various sounds they all make.

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While you're reading this book with your child, it will be fun to talk about the different sounds that animals make. You can also talk about the different sounds an animal can make when they're happy or angry.....a happy bark as opposed to an angry growl. Ask your child if they can make some of the different sounds of animals that they are familiar with.

Does your child speak or understand another language? Maybe they know of someone, a grandparent or neighbor, who speaks another language. If they do, get out a map and find the country where the language comes from. If they don't know of anyone who speaks another language, find a few words in a language that they may hear occasionally, like Spanish on Sesame Street. The word agua (water), familia (family) and ninos (kids), madre (mother) could be a few words that you could make signs for and talk about in day to day conversation. It will introduce your kids to the idea that kids from other countries learn how to talk as babies and just because it's another country, we're all pretty much the same.