

# THE ALARM CLOCK CAPER

Babe tries to help out his friend, Ferdinand the Duck, and finds out that there are lots of things that can go “bump” in the house!

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Ages: 2-6

Themes: Object & Animal Identification

Finger Dexterity

Learning about time

Babe got himself into a little trouble in this story. Take the opportunity to talk with your child about the fact that everybody has an accident or makes a mistake once in a while. Kids may find it difficult to “tell on themselves” but you could begin by telling about a time when you made a mistake. This could lead into a discussion about what it means to feel sorry.

Depending on how old your child is, have some fun talking about time or clocks (the mechanical rooster). Someone in your home probably has to rely on waking up to an alarm clock or needing to keep track of time to get to work or appointments on time. Use a plain white paper plate and show them where the numbers usually are on the clock. Attach two paper “hands” on the plate and talk about where these hands are when it’s time to eat or go to bed. It won’t be long before they can tell time by themselves.