

Fun with Toddlers: Farm Theme

Outings to Go On

Take your child to a farm park or petting zoo to see and interact with animals. In the summer and fall, look for you-pick farms in your area. In the fall, check out your county or state fair.

Activities to Do

Match the animal. If you have small plastic animals, find pictures of those animals (in magazines or online) and make "flash cards." Have your child match the plastic animal to its picture.



Milk a cow. Take a latex glove. Fill with milk or water (like a water balloon) and tie it closed. Then use a pin to prick holes in the tips of the fingers. Show your child how to "milk" the water out of the "udder."

Song to Sing

Old McDonald www.youtube.com/watch?v=5oYKonYBujg

Old McDonald had a farm. E I E I O

And on that farm there was a *cow*. E I E I O

With a *moo moo* here and a *moo moo* there.

Here a *moo*, there a *moo*, everywhere a *moo moo*.

Old McDonald had a farm. E I E I O

Repeat, replacing the animal names and sounds.



Game to Play

Animal Sounds. Show your child pictures of animals, and teach your child animal sounds. Then ask your child "what noise does a cow make?" And so on. You can also ask the question in other languages ("Que dice la vaca?"). Toddlers can often master animal sounds before mastering many words.

Snack to Make

Butter. Buy whipping cream. Take an empty baby food jar and lid and put in the refrigerator till chilled. Then fill the cold jar 1/3 of the way with cold cream. Have your child shake it vigorously for about 15 minutes. (Little ones will need your help.) When solid lumps of butter begin to form, pour off the liquid (buttermilk) and keep on shaking until it's solid. Enjoy!

Books to Read: Big Red Barn. Farmer Duck. Little Red Hen.

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