Theme Packets    Farm

Rhymes and Fingerplays

Here is a Barn
Here is a barn as big as you see.
(draw outline of a barn with hands)
In walk the milking cows, 1, 2, 3.
(make fingers walk along arm)
Soon there'll be milk for you and me!
(point to children and then yourself)

Baa Baa Black Sheep
Baa, baa, black sheep,
Have you any wool?
Yes, Sir, yes, Sir,
Three bags full.
One for my master,
One for my dame,
One for the little boy
Who lives down the lane...
Baa, baa, black sheep,
Have you any wool?
Yes, Sir, yes, Sir,
Three bags full.

Sweetly Sings the Donkey
Sweetly sings the donkey at the break of day.
If you do not feed him, this is what he'll say,
"Hee haw! Hee haw! Hee haw, hee haw, hee haw!

The Rooster by Judy Hall
The rooster crows each morning
To say the day is new.
We all know just what he'll say,
It's "Cock-a-doodle-doo!"

This Little Cow
This little cow eats grass
This little cow eats hay
This little cow drinks water
This little cow runs away
This little cow does nothing at all
But lie in the grass all day
Let's...chase her and chase her and chase her away!
(this is a fun tickle rhyme to do with babies, similar to "this little piggy went to market")

I Went to the Farm
I went to the farm the other day
I saw a pig across the way
And what do you think I heard it say?
Oink! Oink! Oink!
(repeat with other farm animals like a horse, cow, goat, duck, rooster, dog, cat, etc.)

Things to do Together

• Loud or Quiet Opposites Game—Print off a bunch of different farm animal pictures. If you go to www.google.com, click “image search” and type in “cow clipart” or “sheep clipart”, etc. Show your children the pictures and ask them if these animals make loud noises or quiet noises? Instead of animal pictures, you could use plastic toy animals.
• Visit a local farm or petting zoo—Letting children interact with the animals up close teaches them much about animals and nature.
• Visit a U-Pick berry or vegetable farm—When children harvest some of their own food, it helps them to understand about where their food comes from—the plants that grow the food.

Other Resources
Whaddaya Think of That? by Laurie Berkner (CD)
Check out track #11, "I Know a Chicken"