



The Wonky Donkey

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Suggested Activity :

Nursery Rhyme

During the story, we learn that the noise a donkey makes is 'hee-haw' (which we call *braying*). Have fun with the children in your group by singing an amusing variation of the traditional nursery rhyme *Old MacDonald*. Instead of using the traditional cows, pigs and sheep (although feel free to use these also), try mixing it up with different animals that make funny sounds, like the donkey!

Example of the first verse:

*Old McDonald had a farm, e-i-e-i-o,
and on that farm he had a donkey, e-i-e-i-o
with a hee-haw here, a hee-haw there
here a hee-haw, there a hee-haw, everywhere a hee-haw hee-haw
Old McDonald had a farm, e-i-e-i-o!*

Here are some ideas of amusing animal sounds to imitate:

Donkey - hee-haw

Rooster - cockadoodledoo

Turkey - gobble gobble

Mosquito - bzz bzzz

Goose - honk honk

Cricket - chirp

Frog - ribbit ribbit

Lion - roar

Hyena - crazy laughter

Owl - twit twoo

Elephant - trumpet

Antelope - snort

Bear - growl

Hippopotamus - stomp stomp (stomp feet or hands on floor)