



Unit 3: Awesome Animals

Week 1: Duck On A Bike



LENGTH OF AT-HOME ACTIVITY: 10 to 15 minutes

YOU'LL NEED: The book *Duck On A Bike* by David Shannon and a pencil or crayon

ACTIVITY STEPS:

TALK. Start by explaining that you will be reading a new book today! Talk about *Duck On A Bike* and ask your preschooler what he or she predicts about the story.

ASK QUESTIONS. Ask and wait 3-5 seconds for an answer. Example questions:

What do you think this book is going to be about?

Have you ever seen a duck on a bike?

Have you ever ridden a bike? What was it like?

SING “Old McDonald Had A Farm” with your preschooler, and practice animal sounds!

READ *Duck On A Bike* with your child. Let your preschooler lead the way! Spend some time talking about the different animals Duck encounters. Run your finger along the page as you read, pointing to the words as you say them.

DEFINE words on the pages that are new to your child. You can either go back through the book to find them, or define them as you read each page together. Point to the words, sound them out together, and then explain their meaning.

COUNT objects or letters in the book with your preschooler. You can count the different animals that Duck passes, or the number of children that ride their bikes, or even the number of words on each page! You can also go on a letter hunt with your preschooler, allowing him or her to pick letter to hunt for.

CONNECT the book to your preschooler’s world. Have you ever seen the animals in this book in real life, up close? Where did you see them? What does your preschooler know about these animals? What do they eat, and where do they live?

DISCUSS riding bikes and bike safety with your preschooler. When you ride your bike you should always wear a helmet and watch where you’re going. See if your preschooler can figure out how Duck is being unsafe in the story.

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY: Brainstorm silly things that animals don’t do. For example, cats don’t wear socks, and birds don’t play hopscotch. What else don’t animals do in real life? Do dogs talk on telephones?

WRITING EXTENSION: On the back of this page, help your preschooler write a few sentences about one of the other animals on a bike. He or she can draw pictures to illustrate each sentence.