

Kindergarten Music Enrichment

Lesson 1

“OVER IN THE MEADOW”

LEARNING FOCUS: Using a folk song to Listen, Move, Play & Sing!

Materials: Computer

Sheet with Animal names & Lyrics on the other side

Rhythm Instrument (could be wooden spoons, an oatmeal box, a pan)

Activity:

1. Listen to the “Barefoot Books” song/story “Over in the Meadow” using this link:
<https://youtu.be/C6ljGXMMB-g>
2. Talk about how many Mother animals there were in the story (10). Listen again and see if your child can point to the animal using the attached sheet.
(Hint: Animals don’t appear in order: I’ve mixed up the animals!)
3. Using a rhythm instrument, have your child “play” each mother’s name. They should play once for each syllable so “Bum-py Mo-ther Toad” would be 5 hits of the instrument. See if they can play the mother names during the song/story.
4. Be creative! Act out the verbs / action words to the song (You might need to discuss what some of these words mean)

Extension: If you’d like, you can print the page and have your child write the number in front of each mother animal or choose different “instruments” for each animal!

“Over in the Meadow”

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Point to the Mother Animal as you listen to the song, then Play their names!

Hairy Mother Spider



Spiky Mother Muskrat



Bumpy Mother Toad



Fuzzy Mother Bee



Slippery Mother Fish



Woolly Mother Sheep



Furry Mother Mouse



Smooth Mother Robin



Shiny Mother Crow



Scaly Mother Lizard



1. Over in the meadow in the sand in the sun,
lived a BUMPY MOTHER TOAD and her little toadie one.
“Wink!” said the mother, “I wink!” said the one,
And they winked and they blinked in the sand in the sun!
2. Over in the meadow where the sky gleams blue,
Lived a WOOLLY MOTHER SHEEP and her little lambs two.
“Bah!” said the mother, “We bah!” said the two,
So they baahed and they ran where the sky gleams blue.
3. Over in the meadow in a hole in a tree,
Lived a SMOOTH MOTHER ROBIN and her little robins three.
“Sing!” said the mother, “We sing!” said the three,
So they sang and they chirped in a hole in the tree.
4. Over in the meadow in the reeds on the shore,
Lived a SPIKY MOTHER MUSKRAT and her little muskrats four.
“Dive!” said the mother, “We dive!” said the four,
So they dived and they burrowed in the reeds on the shore.
5. Over in the meadow in a snug beehive,
Lived a FUZZY MOTHER BEE and her little bees five.
“Buzz!” said the mother, “We buzz!” said the five,
So they buzzed and they hummed in the snug beehive.
6. Over in the meadow in a nest built of sticks,
Lived a SHINY MOTHER CROW and her little crows six.
“Caw!” said the mother, “We caw!” said the six,
So they cawed and they called in their nest built of sticks.
7. Over in the meadow where the grass is so even,
Lived a FURRY MOTHER MOUSE and her little mousies seven.
“Squeak!” said the mother, “We squeak!” said the seven,
So they squeaked and they sniffed in the grass soft and even.
8. Over in the meadow by the old mossy gate,
Lived a SCALY MOTHER LIZARD and her little lizards eight.
“Bask!” said the mother, “We bask!” said the eight,
So they basked in the sun on the old mossy gate.
9. Over in the meadow where the stream water shines,
Lived a SLIPPERY MOTHER FISH and her little fishes nine.
“Swim!” said the mother, “We swim!” said the nine,
So they swam and they leapt where the stream water shines.
10. Over in the meadow in a sly little den,
Lived a HAIRY MOTHER SPIDER and her little spiders ten.
“Spin!” said the mother, “We spin!” said the ten,
So they spun lacy webs in the sly little den.