



Opening the Gift

Tracks in the Snow



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No Two Alike by Keith Baker

Nursery Rhyme: Mary Had a Little Lamb

Songs & Fingerplays to Share:



Feed the Birds

(tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Feed, feed, feed the birds
In the wintertime.
When the days are dark and cold,
Food is hard to find.

Feed, feed, feed the birds
Till the spring has come.
Scatter birdseed on the snow.
Feeding birds is fun!

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I'm a Great Big Snowman

I'm a great big snowman,
Tall and fat.
Here's my tummy.
Here's my hat.
Raisins for my eyes,
and a Carrot nose,
I'm all snow from head to toe!
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Chilly Winter

(tune: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

Wintertime brings lots of snow.
Chilly winds just blow and blow.
Snowflakes swirling in the air.
Whirling, twirling everywhere.
Wintertime brings lots of snow.
Chilly winds just blow and blow.

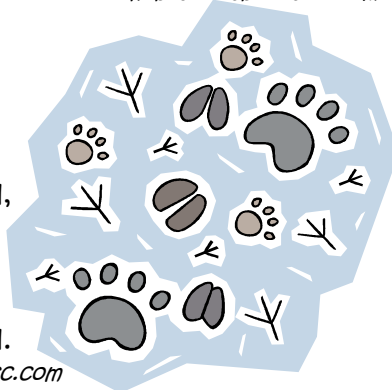
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Snowflakes

(tune: Grey Squirrel)

Snowflakes, snowflakes falling on the ground,
Snowflakes, snowflakes falling all around.
I am bundled to my chin.
See my footprints where I've been.
Snowflakes, snowflakes falling on the ground.

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Boot Prints

Up and down the yard we go
Making boot prints in the snow.
Big steps, little steps
Around and around.
Oh what fun with snow on the ground!
Black boots, green boots,
Red boots bright.
Isn't it strange our boot prints are white?

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Your next visit will be: February

Next month's theme will be: "Sniffles & Sneezes"





More Books to Share:
It's Winter by Linda Glaser
Grandmother Winter by Phyllis Root
Counting on Snow by Maxwell Newhouse
Animals in the Snow by Margaret Wise Brown
Winter Visitors by Elizabeth Lee O'Donnell
Over and Under the Snow by Kate Messner
Winter Lullaby by Barbara Seuling
Snow by Cynthia Rylant



Activity Ideas:

Cupcake Liner Snowman Craft: Provide each child with a sheet of construction paper and three cupcake liners. Instruct children to glue the cupcake liners on the paper to form a snowman, then decorate with crayons or markers.

Storytime Magic by Kathy MacMillan and Christine Kirker

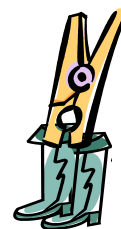


Salty Snowplows: To prepare, hot-glue cardboard rectangles to the front of toy pickup trucks to make snowplows. Fill your sensory table (or a large shallow bin) with salt. Place the snowplows in the salt "snow" along with plastic animals. Children help clear paths for the animals with the snowplows!

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Making Tracks: (developing fine motor skills) Children make tracks in the snow with this fun craft. In advance, hot-glue a clothespin to a pair of doll boots as shown. Provide white construction paper and a shallow pan of light blue paint, then encourage each child to press the doll boots in the paint and make prints on their sheet of paper. Look - tracks in the snow!

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Book of the Month:

Another Encyclopedia of Theme Activities for Young Children

edited by Kathy Charner, Stephanie Reselli, and Brittany Roberts

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Actively engage children's imaginations with more than three hundred activities for young children organized into a variety of popular themes from the alphabet to the weather. The result of a nationwide contest among teachers, the classroom-tested activities in *Another Encyclopedia of Theme Activities for Young Children* provide many months of learning fun! Each activity is complete with learning objectives, materials list, related children's book suggestions, step-by-step instructions of what to do, teacher-to-teacher tips to expand on children's learning, assessment strategies, and related songs, poems, and fingerplays. Themes include All About Me, Alphabet, Animals, Art, Building and Construction, Celebrations, Colors, Five Senses, Health and Nutrition, Insects and Bugs, Kindness, Math, Music and Movement, My Community and Neighborhood, My Family and Friends, My School, Numbers, Our Earth, Plants, Science and Technology, Seasons, Shapes, Time, Transportation, Water, and Weather.



Road to Reading Tip:



Sing out! Share songs that tell a story, such as Mary Had a Little Lamb. These help children use narrative skills and learn story structure ~ a story has a beginning, a middle, and an end.

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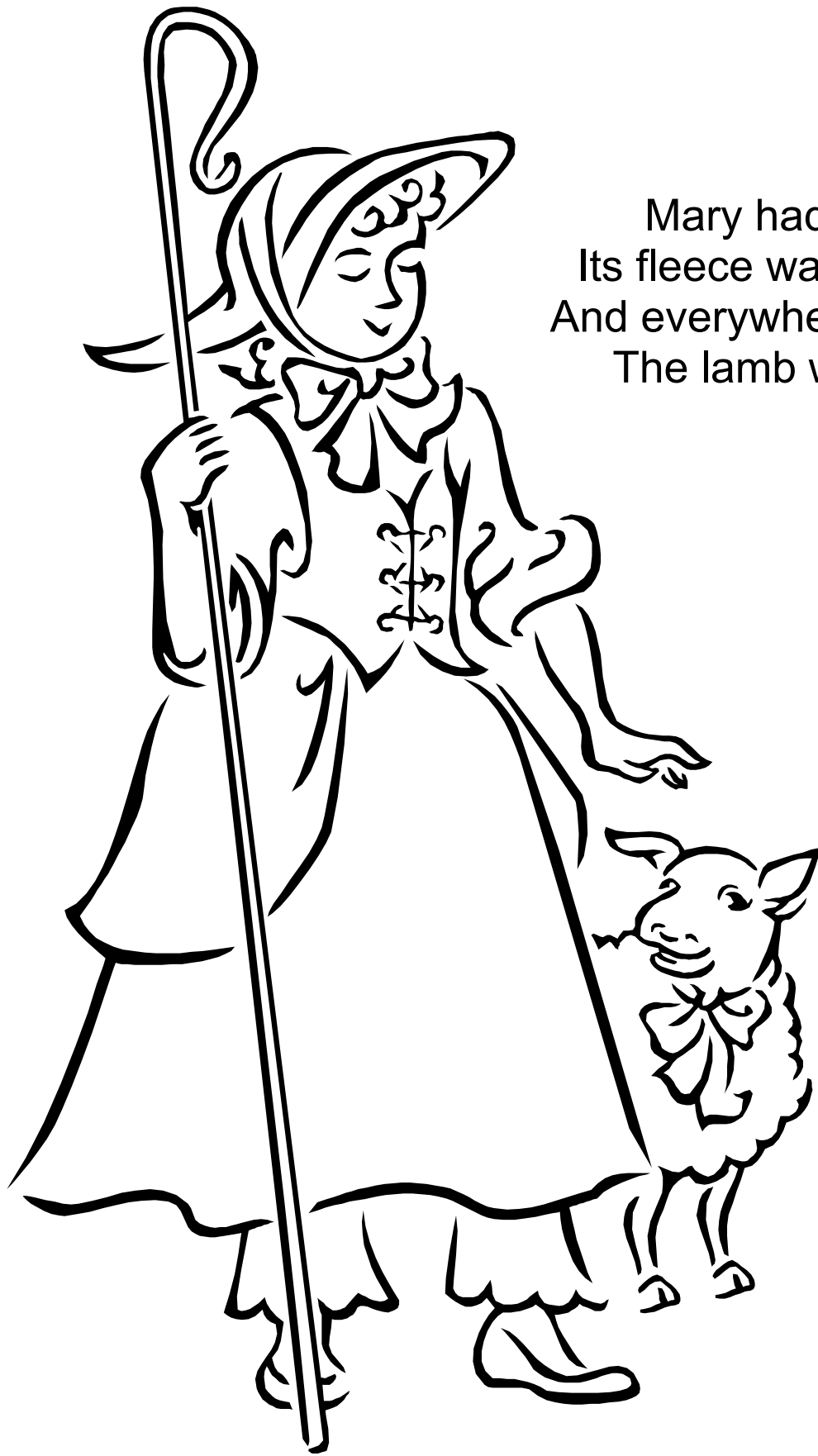
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Mary had a little lamb,
Its fleece was white as snow,
And everywhere that Mary went
The lamb was sure to go.

EARLY LITERACY EXTRA! SINGING

Singing slows down language so children can hear the smaller sounds in words. Once your child is familiar with the first verse, continue with other verses to tell the whole story!

Find the lyrics here: <http://www.kididdles.com/lyrics/m003.html>