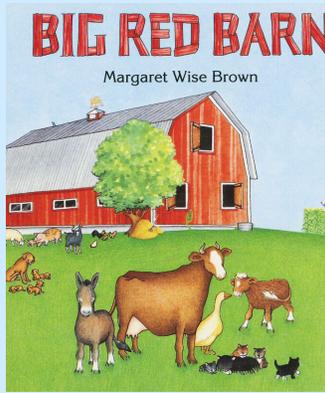


STORY OF THE DAY



BIG RED BARN

by: Margaret Wise Brown

(Click on title for book video)

STORY EXTENSION IDEAS

- Make an animal book - Cut pictures of animals from magazines (cats, dogs, birds, etc.). Glue the pictures to cardboard or index cards. Punch a hole in the upper corner of each and tie them together. Which animal is your child's favorite?
- Play animal charades with your child. Usually charades is meant to be played without using words or sounds, but you can always adapt it depending on the age of the children playing. Toddlers may enjoy making the animals sounds in addition to doing the animal actions! You can make your own rules to suit your family.
- Take a Virtual Field Trip to a Farm! Click this [LINK](#) to visit a live cam at Wisconsin Pasture Farm Sanctuary. Watch cows, goats, sheep, alpacas and more! Tuesdays & Fridays, volunteers are available to answer your questions live in the comments.

IDEA OF THE DAY

10 Activities for Parents and Kids to Do Together

1. Wash and Clean the Cars
2. Listen to kid podcasts
3. Declutter toys!
4. Have an Olympics with a bunch of competitions - funny ones, helpful ones like cleaning and really fun ones like minute to win in style.
5. Dig up all the activity books, presents, etc that never got played with, and use those!
6. Do a study on planets, then have kids create their own planets- how big is it, where in the universe is it located, atmosphere conditions, can it sustain life, how long is a day/year, name it, etc.
7. Puzzle races: Put several puzzles (20+ piece puzzles) In a paper bag and shake it up. Pour pieces out and give each person the puzzle box they are to put together. Go!
8. Make ice cream
9. Glow Stick Party
10. Camp out in the backyard