

M is for Moose!

Make a marvelous moose paper bag puppet. Use a flat-bottom paper lunch bag. Make antlers by tracing your child's hands onto construction paper and cutting them out. Your child slides his hand up inside and uses the flat-bottom flap as a way to make his puppet talk.



Banana-Chocolate Chip Muffins (Makes 1 dozen)

3 really ripe bananas 2 eggs, lightly beaten
2 cups flour 3/4 cup sugar
1 tsp salt 1 tsp baking soda
1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

- Preheat oven to 350*.
- Mash bananas in a bowl, add the lightly beaten eggs and mix well.
- In another bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, salt and baking soda.
- Add about 1/2 cup of this dry stuff at a time to banana and egg mixture to create a thick batter.
- Place cupcake liners in a muffin pan and fill 3/4 of the way.
- Bake at 350* for 15-20 min

What would a moose sound like when he asks for various things the boy gets?

Sing: Do You Know The Muffin Man?

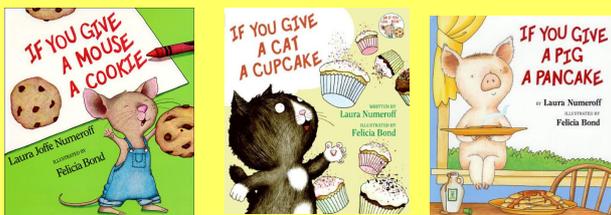
Do you know the muffin man, the muffin man, the muffin man?
Do you know the muffin man, he lives on Drury Lane?
Yes, I know the muffin man, the muffin man, the muffin man,
Yes, I know the muffin man, that lives on Drury Lane.

Substitute Drury Lane for your own street and your child can be the muffin man.

It is important to talk about stories and relate the story to your child's own experiences.

Have a conversation!

If you enjoyed this book, look for these other great stories at the Library:

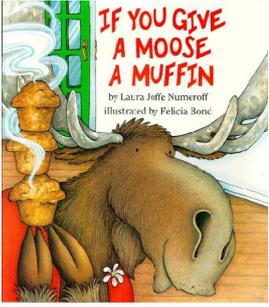


Read every day for at least 20 minutes...
3 books a day = 1000+ stories a year!



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Let's Share: **If You Give A Moose A Muffin**



This is a silly story about a marvelous massive muffin eating moose. It's fun to read because it goes around in a circle.

The story ends where it begins with another demand for a muffin.

Sometimes we get distracted and forget what we are doing just like the moose. One thing reminds us of something else. Talk about how it feels to get distracted. How does the moose (boy) feel?

When reading the story:

- Ask your child to predict what might happen next.
- Ask open-ended questions such as "What do you think the moose will ask for next?"
- Pause at the end of a sentence and let your child finish it: "He'll ask for a needle and _____."
- Help your child recall some of the things the moose asked for.

Let's Play With Sounds

Moose and muffin both start with *mmm*.

(rub your tummy and say *mmmm*)

What letter makes the *mmm* sound?

That's right, the letter **m**.

Can you think of another word that starts with *mmm*? (mommy, monkey, magic...)

Have fun stringing words together that have the same first sound. (mom makes me muffins)

Have You Ever Seen A Muffin? (Tune: Have You Ever seen A Lassie)

Have you ever seen a muffin, a muffin, a muffin?

Have you ever seen a muffin,

That you want to eat?

Ask your child to tell you what kind of muffins they like to eat.

Start the conversation with an example-

"I like muffins with wild blue berries hiding inside"



Make up a silly story together:

If you give a kid an apple...

If you give a dad some lunch...

Parents & Caregivers, remember:

Singing encourages children's language development. Your child doesn't care if you are off key. It is the sound of your voice that is important. Dancing helps your child hear and feel the rhythm of words in music.

Sing and dance with your child.