

For Teachers and Parents:

Read: *Pigs, Little Pig Gets Stuck* and/or *Little Pig*

After reading the books, have students find the *-ing* words in the text (e.g. sleeping, resting, eating, walking, running, jumping, rolling). Then have them write other action words found in each story and add the *-ing* ending to them (e.g. playing, following, stopping, smelling, standing, snuggling). Ask students to think of additional *-ing* words that could be added to these stories (e.g. grunting, hopping, wiggling, dancing, waddling). Cut out the word cards on the attached sheet, or make your own, to complete the following **Pigs in Action** activity

Activity: *Look at the Action Words and Get Moving*

- * Have students look at the word card for *jumping*.
- * Ask them to use their fingers to write the word *jumping* in the air.
- * Ask students to notice with which letter the word *jumping* begins. Then, ask students to copy and complete the following sentence, using an alliteration:
A pig named _____ is _____. (e.g. *A pig named Jack is jumping*)
- * Have students act out the action.
- * Repeat this pattern for all of the words on the list.

Extension: *Have the students write silly sentences, using their list of **-ing** words, to create their own Little Pig book.*

sleeping	eating
resting	running
walking	jumping
rolling	playing
following	stopping
smelling	standing
snuggling	grunting
hopping	wiggling
dancing	waddling

Chicken and Fox Word Ladder

The chickens are out in the yard. Uh oh! Here comes a fox. That sneaky fox is trying to get into the chicken coop. Help the chickens get into the coop before the fox.

Start at the bottom with the word **fox**. **Read** and follow the directions beside each white box to add, subtract, or change letters. Each clue will also give you a hint about the meaning of the new word.

Write the new word in the box. Work your way up the list to get to the word **chicken**.



chicken

Add en to the end.

Go away, fox! Go away and don't come back!

Change a letter at the beginning.

This is another name for a baby chicken.

Change the n to ck at the end.

Describes something chunky or heavy like a sweater or soup; the opposite of thin.

Change a letter at the beginning.

Very skinny; the opposite of thick.

Change the gr to ch at the beginning.

The part of the face below the mouth.

Change the p to gr at the beginning.

A big, wide smile.

Change the first letter.

A sharp, thin piece of metal used to fasten cloth together.

Change a letter at the end.

What fish have to help them swim, balance, and steer.

Change the o to i in the middle.

This is to repair something that is broken.

fox

Start here.

The sneaky fox is looking for chickens.

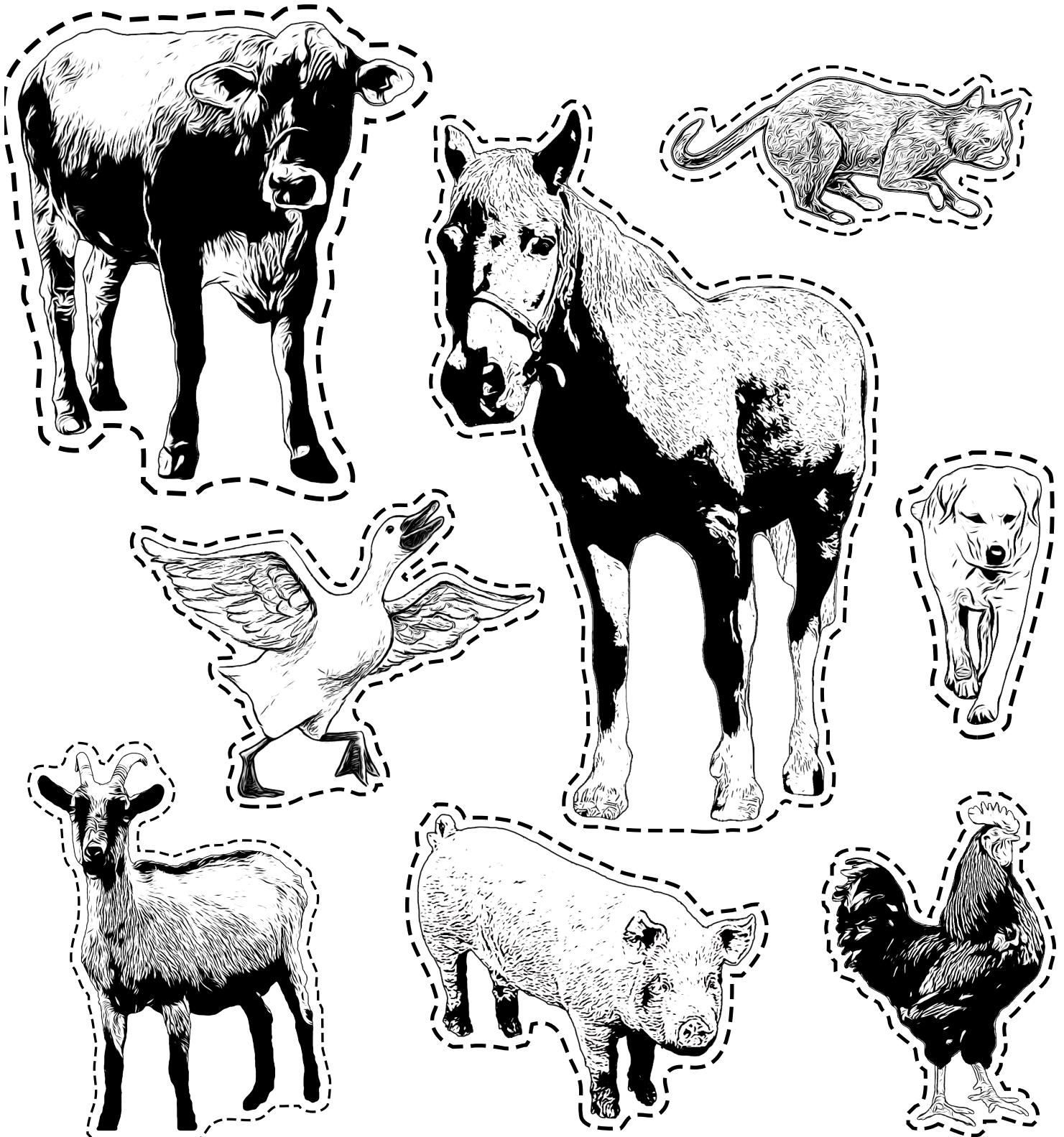


Farm Animal Stick Puppets

Get kids talking and thinking about the farm with these farm animal stick puppets.

Print the sheet of animals on thick paper or cardstock, or **glue** onto a piece of thin cardboard.

Color the farm animals. **Cut** along the dashed lines. **Glue** or **tape** the backsides of the animals to popsicle sticks, straws, unsharpened pencils, or dull wooden skewers. Then, **put on a show** about Danny and his farm animal friends.

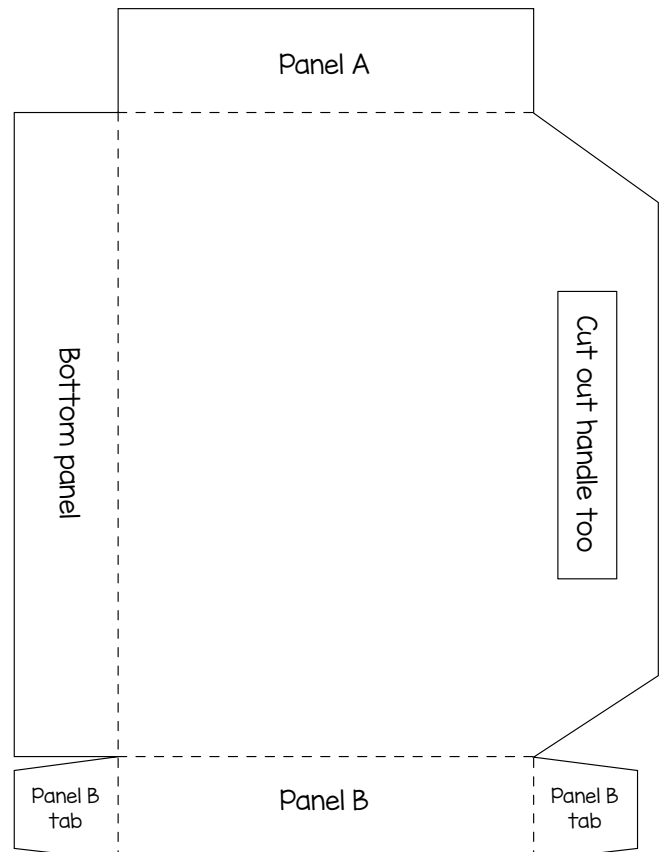
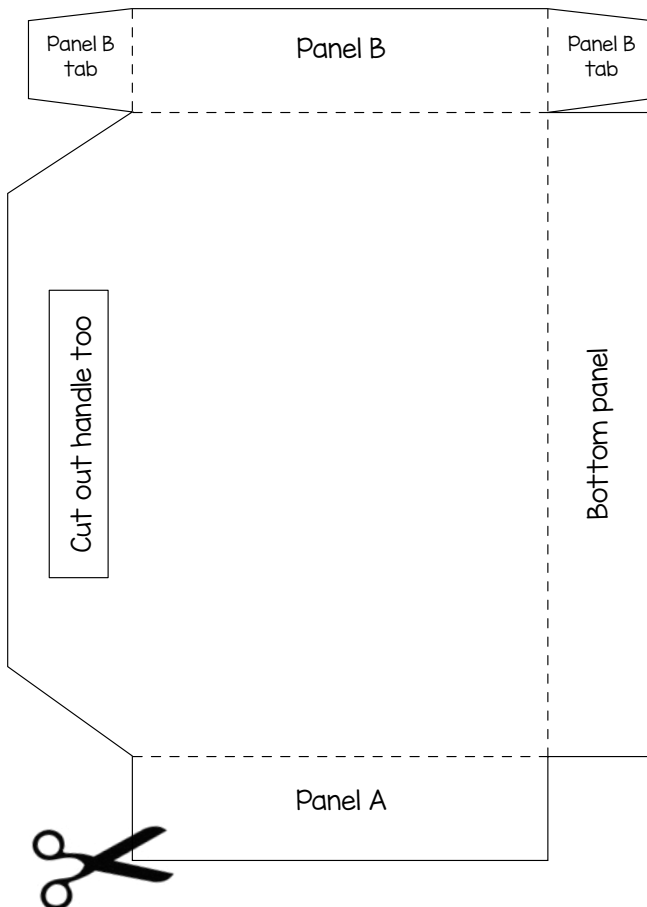


MaryRuth Books Animal Cracker Box

Take your MaryRuth Books farm animal titles with you anywhere with our easy to make MRB animal cracker box. Download and print the box templates on heavy paper or cardboard. Don't have card stock on hand? Upcycle a cardboard cereal box by gluing your paper print-outs to it.

Directions:

1. Print out two copies of the box template.
2. Cut out the templates along the solid lines.
3. Make a fold on each of the dashed lines.
4. Apply glue to the front (printed) sides of each panel A. Match the glued sides of both A panels to the back (blank) sides of each of the B panels. Press firmly together.
5. Apply glue to the front (printed) side of one bottom panel, and to the back (blank) side of the other. Press the glued sides together.
6. Apply glue to the back (blank) sides of all four panel B tabs. Fold the tabs over and press firmly to finish your box!



To make the MRB Menagerie Animal Box:

1. Print two copies of the MRB Menagerie Animal Box on heavy paper or cardstock.
2. Cut along the solid black line. Don't forget to cut out the handle!
3. Fold on the dashed lines.
4. Add glue to sides and bottom and assemble the box.
5. For more complete instructions, see <https://www.maryruthbooks.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Menagerie-Box.pdf>.



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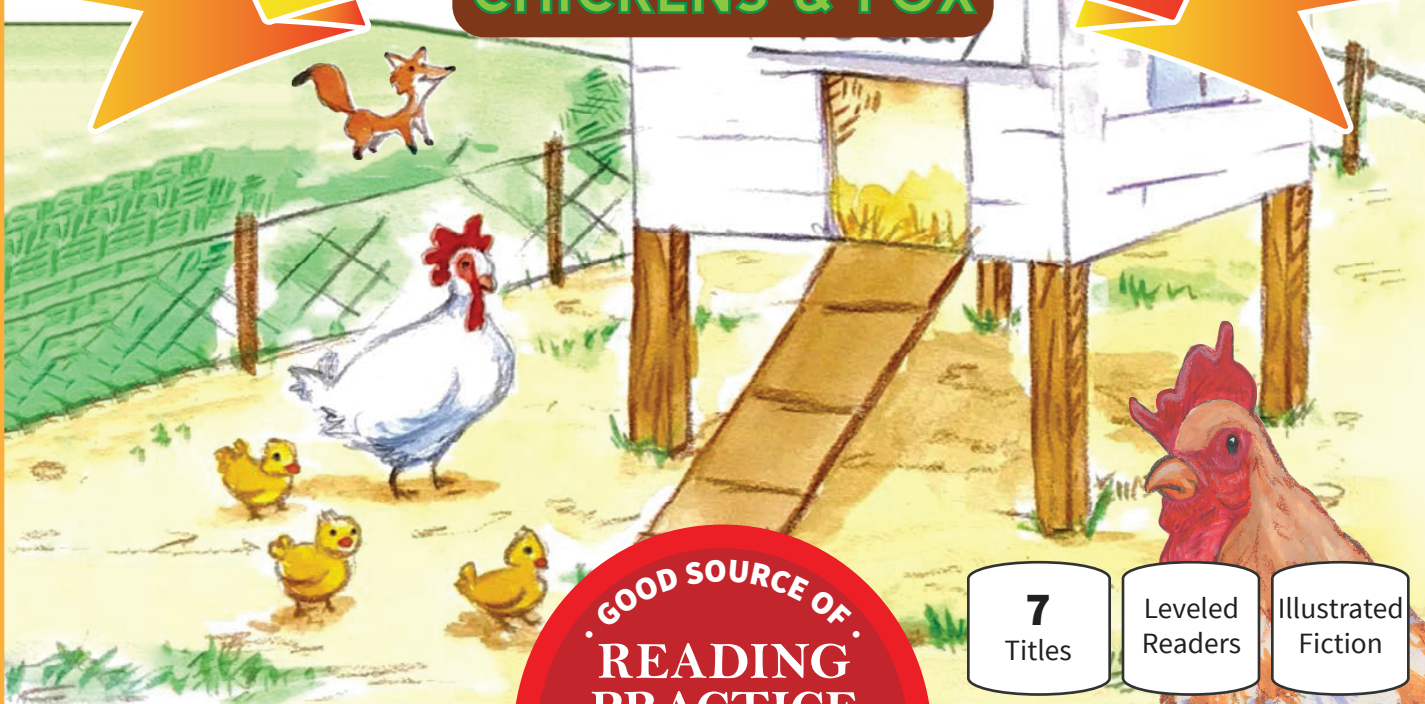
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