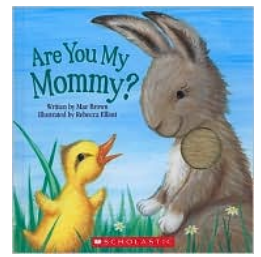




# Are You My Mommy?

By Mae Brown



In this sweet story, a cute little duckling goes on a journey through the farm to find his mommy.

## Before:

Begin story time by asking the children questions about the cover of the book, this will help gain the child's interest to listen to the story. A question like "Do you think the rabbit is the little duckling's mommy?" will help set the stage, after the child answers, reply with "let's read the story and find out!"

## During:

While reading the story, take the time to observe the illustrations and touch the different textures of the animals. Spend time talking about the different animals the duckling meets with and point out why they would not be his mommy and how they are different from the little duckling. Take time to go over "rare words" that may be new to the children and help them to relate the word in a way that makes sense to them.

### Rare Words in *Are You My Mommy?*

**Waddle:** to walk with short steps and sway side to side

**Knoll:** a small, rounded hill

**Pasture:** land covered with grass and low plants

**Stall:** stable or shed for horses

**Meadow:** a piece of grassland, especially one used for hay

## After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- What kind of animals are on the farm?
- Where does a duck live? A horse?
- What does your mommy look like?
- What animal has a woolly coat?
- What animal has a hard shell?

**Safety First**

## **Let's Talk About *Are You My Mommy?***

In this story, the little duckling has lost his mommy and is trying to find her. If you were to lose your mommy in a grocery store, what would be the safest thing to do to find her? Would you ask a stranger? Would you ask a person working at the store? Do you think it's a good idea to stay inside the store or go outside?

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## Real Duck Nest

### What You Need:

- Mud
- Sticks, twigs, pine needles, or pebbles
- Grass or leaves

### What You Do:

- After showing your children pictures of a duck nest, provide your students with mud, sticks, grass, leaves, twigs, pine needles, and pebbles. Let you kids create their own duck nest.



## Sing Along

### “On A Farm”

(Sung to “London Bridge is Falling Down”

Animals live on a farm, on a farm, on a farm, Animals  
live on a farm, with the farmer.

Cows and Pigs live on a farm, on a farm, on a farm,  
Cows and Pigs live on a farm, with the farmer.

Goats and Sheep live on a farm, on a farm, on a farm,  
Goats and sheep live on a farm, with the farmer.

Hens and chicks live on a farm, on a farm, on a farm,  
Hens and chicks live on a farm with the farmer.

## What’s inside the kit



- Felt Pieces for Story
- *I Like Baby Animals* Poem
- *Five Little Ducks* Felt Board Riddle
- Number Puzzle
- Letter Clip Cards
- Animal to Sound Match
- Baby Animal Match (2)
- Mommy/Baby Puzzle Picture Match
- Count the Eggs Game

