

September
Nursery Rhyme

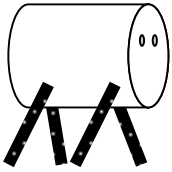
Mary Had a Little Lamb

Mary had a little lamb,
Its fleece was white as snow.
Everywhere that Mary went,
the lamb was sure to go.

It followed her to school one day,
which was against the rules.
It made the children laugh and
play to see a lamb at school.



September Activities



Sheep Snack

Gather raisins, pretzel sticks, and marshmallows. Place the marshmallow on a plate; add four pretzels for legs, and raisins for eyes. Enjoy!

Rules

Talk to your child about rules. In the rhyme, the lamb followed Mary to school and it was not allowed. Think of a few house rules you could write in a positive way for everyone to review.

For example: Be polite. You could also talk about bus rules, school rules, church rules, etc., that may be different than in your home.

Names

Cat
Dog
Lion
Horse
Cow
Chicken
Donkey
Duck

Charades

Make a list of animals that are familiar to your child. Print the names of animals on small pieces of paper (one name on each piece). Shake up the pieces, choose one and act it out for others to try and guess.

For younger children, look through magazines or draw a picture of the animal on each piece of paper. Older children can write the names themselves or draw their own pictures.



Follow the Leader

Go outside and pretend one person is Mary and another is the sheep. Mary is the leader and must "hop", or "skip" (or other movements) to school. Designate a place to be the school, or ending place. Then switch places and do it again.

Children learn best in the context of a loving relationship. These activities are designed for children and adults to do together. Children should be encouraged to do as much as they safely can by themselves. There should be a lot of lively discussion accompanying these activities.