



If You Give a Moose a Muffin

By Laura Joffe Numeroff



What You Will Need for This Session

- A copy of *If You Give a Moose a Muffin* for each family in the program
- Journal for parents
- Copies of the Find Someone Who handout
- Copies of What is Family Literacy? handout
- Copies of the Family Literacy Activities to Do at Home handout
- Copies of the Literacy Action Plan handout
- Craft materials—crayons, glue, scissors, paper, etc.
- Activities in this kit:
 - Moose Facts
 - Memory Game
 - Word Search
 - M is for Moose
 - Mm Colouring Page
 - Colour the Moose
 - What Doesn't Belong?
 - How Does the Story Go?
 - Berry Jam Recipe
 - Basic Muffin Recipe
 - Grocery Cards
 - Hand and Foot Moose Craft
 - Sock Puppets
 - Rhymes



Session Overview

1. Introductions

- Review the group agreements.
- Warm-up activity – Find Someone Who...

2. Group Discussion

- Review what happened during the week:
 - What literacy activities did parents do at home with their children?
 - What worked well? Did anything not go well?
 - Did they follow the Literacy Action Plan?
- Talk about the adult discussion topic –What is Family Literacy?

3. *If You Give A Moose a Muffin* by Laura Joffe Numeroff

- Introduce the book.
- Read the book together. Ask for volunteers to read parts of the story.
- Discuss the story. Think of activities related to the book that families can do at home.
- Hand out the activity sheets. Go over them and make sure that parents understand the activities.
- Make an activity related to the story that families can use at home.

4. Adult Writing

- Ask parents to fill in the Literacy Action Plan for the next week.



- Ask parents to write down one thing they learned this week in their journals. If they feel comfortable, they can share with the group.
- *Northern Writes* and *More Northern Writes* are good sources for other adult writing activities. They are available for download from the NWT Literacy Council website (www.nwt.literacy.ca).

5. Story/Activity Time

- Have the children come back from their reading circle and read with their parents.
- Read a different book together.
- Sing some songs or play a circle game, such as *The Hokey Pokey* or *If You're Happy and You Know It*.

6. Snack Time

- Serve a healthy snack.
- Leave a bit of time for parents and children to socialize.

Snack of the Week—Muffins

Use the recipe in this kit to make muffins. You can serve the muffins with jam!





Warm-up Activity – Find someone who...

1. Loves to go fishing _____
2. Loves to tell stories to their children _____
3. Loves to go out on the land _____
4. Has lived in the north all their lives _____
5. Would like to do more literacy activities at home _____
6. Enjoys cooking with their child/children _____
7. Has a good joke to tell _____
8. Can speak two languages _____
9. Speaks another language other than English at home

10. Enjoys reading for pleasure _____



Adult Discussion Topic – What is Family Literacy?

Family literacy is the way families learn together at home and in the community. Here are some examples:

- Cooking or baking together
- Writing letters to family members
- Going grocery shopping
- Going out on the land
- Storytelling
- Reading
- Playing games like Monopoly, cards, Pictionary, Yahtzee
- Laughing
- Doing chores together
- Making up a list for the grocery store
- Talking at the supper table
- Doing homework together
- Looking at pictures together and talking about old times
- Going for a walk and talking about things around you
- Telling jokes
- Singing
- Saying rhymes
- Dancing
- Doodling
- Play acting





Family Literacy Activities to Do at Home

- Bake some cookies or muffins with your children. Let your children measure out the ingredients.
- Turn off the TV and play charades, Monopoly or a game of cards. Make it a weekly activity.
- Make family books together. Have your children draw pictures and write a story about your family. Make a special cloth binder for your children's work. You can add pictures too! Do this once a year and you will have a keepsake for your children when they are older.
- Go for a walk around town with your child and point out the different signs like: STOP, OPEN, CLOSED.
- Make up food cards for when you go to the grocery store. You can either draw or cut out pictures from magazines of different food items. Bring the food cards to the store and ask your children to go and get the food that is on the card.





Literacy Action Plan

Monday

Read for 15 minutes with your child.

Tuesday

Read for 15 minutes with your child.

Wednesday

Read for 15 minutes with your child.

Thursday

Read for 15 minutes with your child.

Friday

Read for 15 minutes with your child.

Saturday

Read for 15 minutes with your child.

Sunday

Read for 15 minutes with your child.





About the Author²¹



Laura Joffe Numeroff was born in 1953, in Brooklyn, New York. She was surrounded by art, music, and books.

Her father, William, worked on the art staff of the World Telegram & Sun, one of New York's major newspapers. Her mother, Florence, was a junior high school home economics teacher. They both enriched her life with the love of reading, playing the piano, singing, dancing, science and stamp collecting.

She loved to draw, read and make up stories. She started writing her own stories and drew pictures to go with them. Her love of reading and writing stories turned into wonderful stories like *If You Give A Mouse A Cookie*, *If You Give A Moose A Muffin*, *If You Give A Pig A Pancake* and *The Chicken Sisters*!

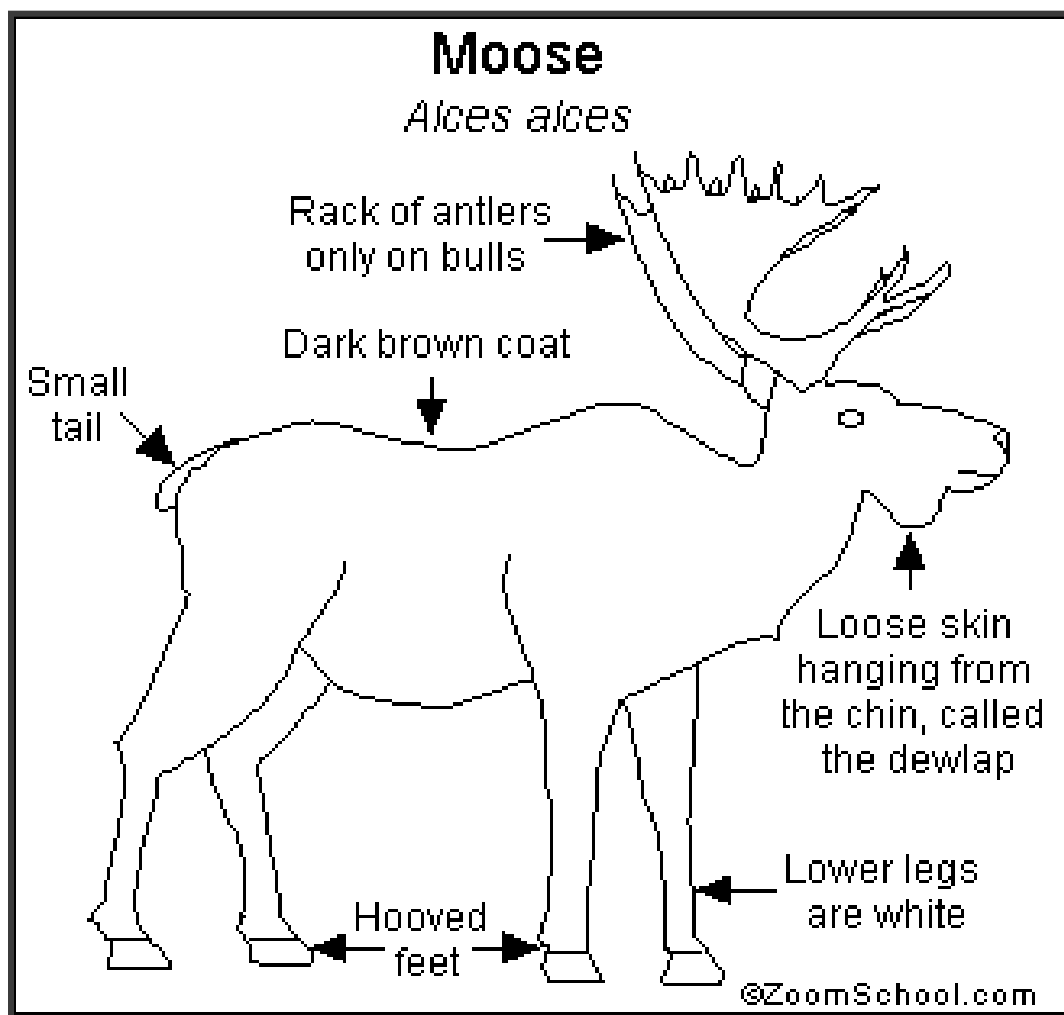
²¹ From: <http://lauranumeroff.com/>



Moose Facts²²

(Ages 5 and up)

Read this fact sheet about moose to your child. They can colour the picture.



The moose is the largest member of the deer family. Moose are strong runners.

²² From: www.zoomschool.com



Moose are found in northern forests in North America, Europe, and Russia. In Europe and Asia, moose are called elk. Moose are solitary animals who have a deep call and a strong scent. They have a life span of about 17 years in the wild.

Anatomy: The moose is about 7.5 feet (2.3 m) tall at the shoulder. Only bulls (males) have antlers. The antlers are shed each year and re-grow. Moose have hoofed feet, long legs, thick brown fur, a large body, and a droopy nose, and a dewlap (a flap of skin hanging loosely from the chin).

Behaviour: The moose is an **herbivore** (a plant-eater) who spends most of the day eating. Moose eat willow, birch, and aspen twigs, horsetail, sedges, roots, pond weeds, and grasses.

Predators: The grizzly bear and people are the main predators of the moose.



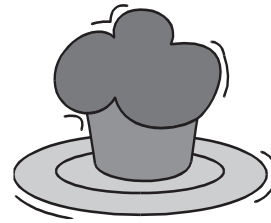
Memory Game

1. Glue the next two sheets to cardboard or some other type of backing.
2. Cut out each square.
3. Mix up all the squares and turn them face down.
4. Each player flips over two squares at a time and tries to find pairs that match. Say what the picture is each time you flip over a square.
5. One person can play as well. Just flip the cards over, two at a time, and try to find matching pairs.



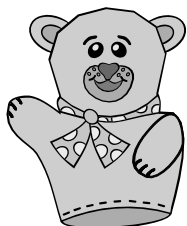
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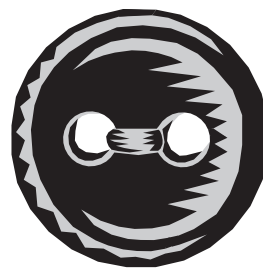
(Ages 3 and up)





If You Give a Moose a Muffin







Word Search

(Ages 8 and up)



Find all the words below. Look across, down and diagonally.

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a	d	g	h	o	s	t	r	y	j	v
v	u	n	l	k	c	o	s	d	m	c
j	z	i	s	u	t	h	a	f	r	k
a	t	w	n	s	e	e	n	e	e	d
m	e	e	o	e	r	i	p	l	t	g
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o	p	y	r	e	n	e	c	s	y	e
c	l	o	t	h	e	s	l	i	n	e

moose	muffin	jam	store	homemade
sweater	buttons	sewing	needle	clothesline
puppet	sock	antlers	ghost	mother
scenery	sheet	bed	paint	thread



M is for Moose

(Ages 2 and up)



M m

Moose

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Colouring Page

(Ages 2 and up)





What Doesn't Belong?

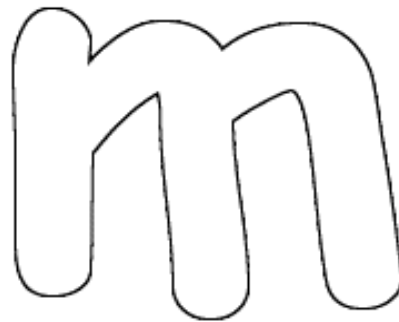
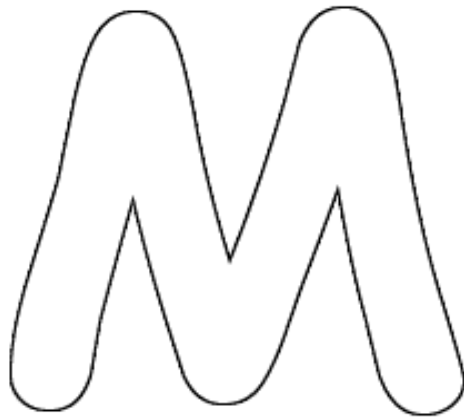
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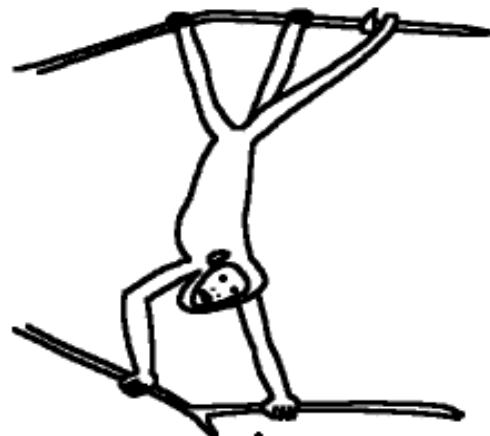
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What Doesn't Belong?

(Ages 3 and up)

Put an X in the square in each row that does not belong.

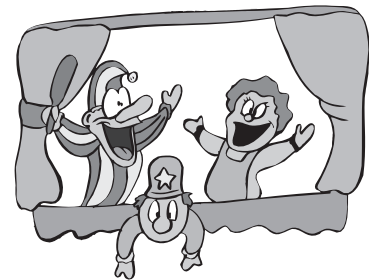
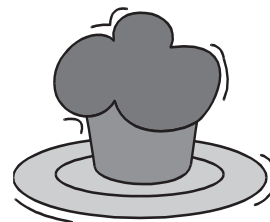
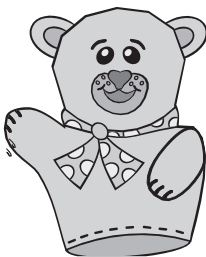
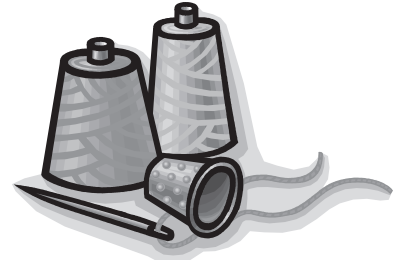
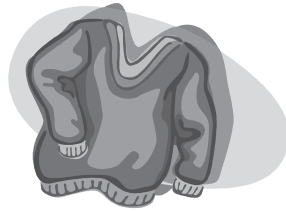




How Does the Story Go?

(Ages 5 and up)

Put the following events/items in the same order as they appear in the book. You can cut them out and glue them on a sheet of paper or number them.





Berry Jam Recipe

(All ages)

You will need:

- 4 cups of crushed berries (you can use blackberries, blueberries, raspberries or strawberries)
- 3 to 3 2/3 cups sugar
- pinch salt
- 1/4 teaspoon salt



1. Clean the berries
2. Drain, crush and measure the berries. Pour them into the pot.
3. Stir in the sugar and salt.
4. Cook over low heat until the juice runs freely. Then boil rapidly, stirring frequently, until the jam thickens.
5. Scoop off the top foam quickly.
6. Pour hot jam almost to the top of the jar. Wipe the top and threads of the jar and seal it.
7. Place the jar in a boiling water bath for 10 minutes to complete the seal.



Basic Muffin Recipe

(All ages)



You can make a variety of muffins using this recipe as the base.

You will need:

- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup milk
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- You can add any of the following: chocolate chips, berries, bananas, nuts, berries, etc.

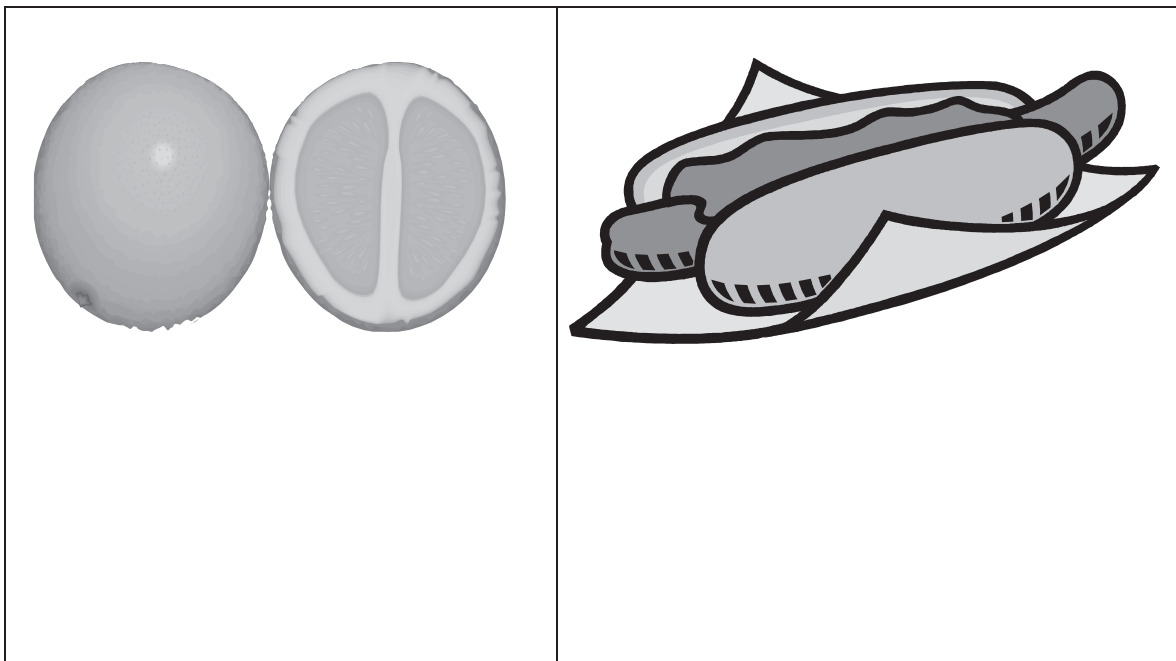
1. Mix the dry ingredients together in a large bowl.
2. In a smaller bowl, beat the egg with fork. Then stir in the milk and the oil.
3. Pour the wet ingredients into the centre of the flour mixture.
4. Do not beat the mixture; mix it quickly with a fork until it is just moistened.
5. Add your choice of fruit, nuts, chocolate, etc.
6. Pour the batter into paper muffin cups or a greased muffin pan. Fill them 2/3 full.
7. Bake at 400°F (200°C) for 25 minutes or until the muffins are golden brown.

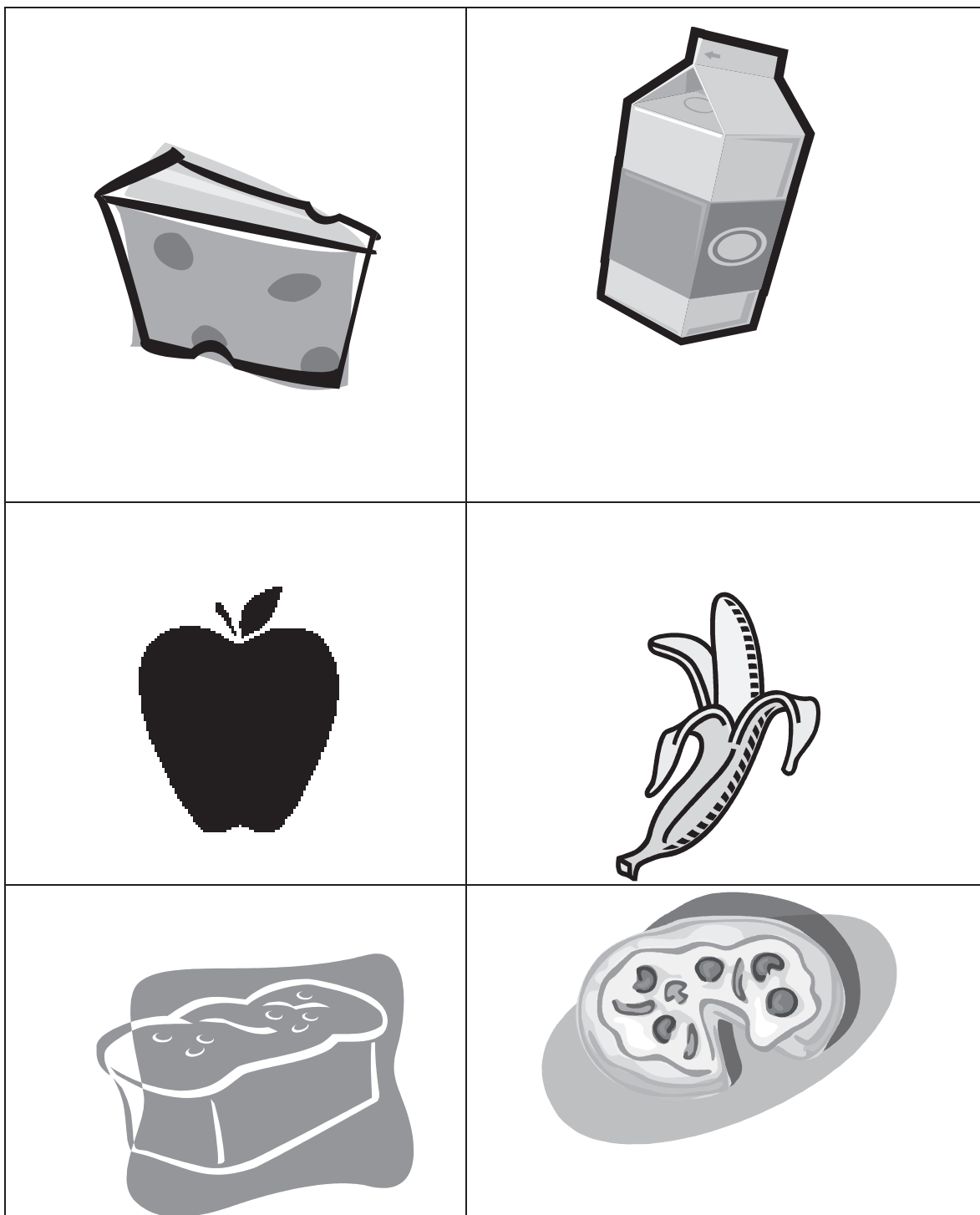


Grocery Cards

(Ages 3 and up)

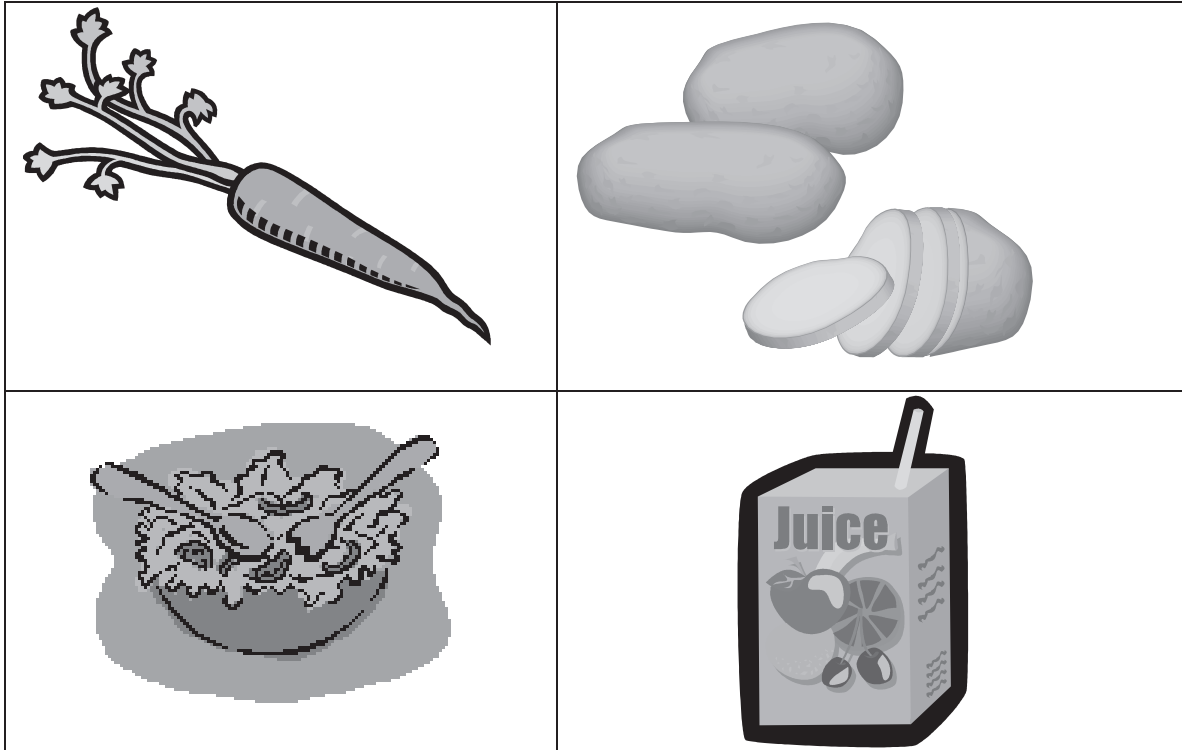
1. Cut out these cards with your children.
2. Paste them onto card stock or cardboard.
3. Write the name of the item on the back.
4. Laminate the cards with packing tape.
5. When you go grocery shopping give your children the card and ask them to go get the item.
6. Make up your own cards with pictures from magazines.







If You Give a Moose a Muffin








Hand and Foot Moose Craft

(All ages)

This cute moose is made from your child's handprints and footprint, cut out of construction paper.

You will need:

- Brown and tan (or orange) construction paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Googly eyes (optional)

	<p>Trace around the child's foot using brown construction paper. This will be the moose's head.</p>
	<p>Trace around the child's hands using tan construction paper. These 2 pieces will be the moose's antlers.</p>
	<p>Glue the handprint "antlers" to the top of the moose. Add a bright red paper nose, a paper (or drawn) mouth, and googly eyes (or paper eyes) to the moose's head.</p>



Sock Puppets

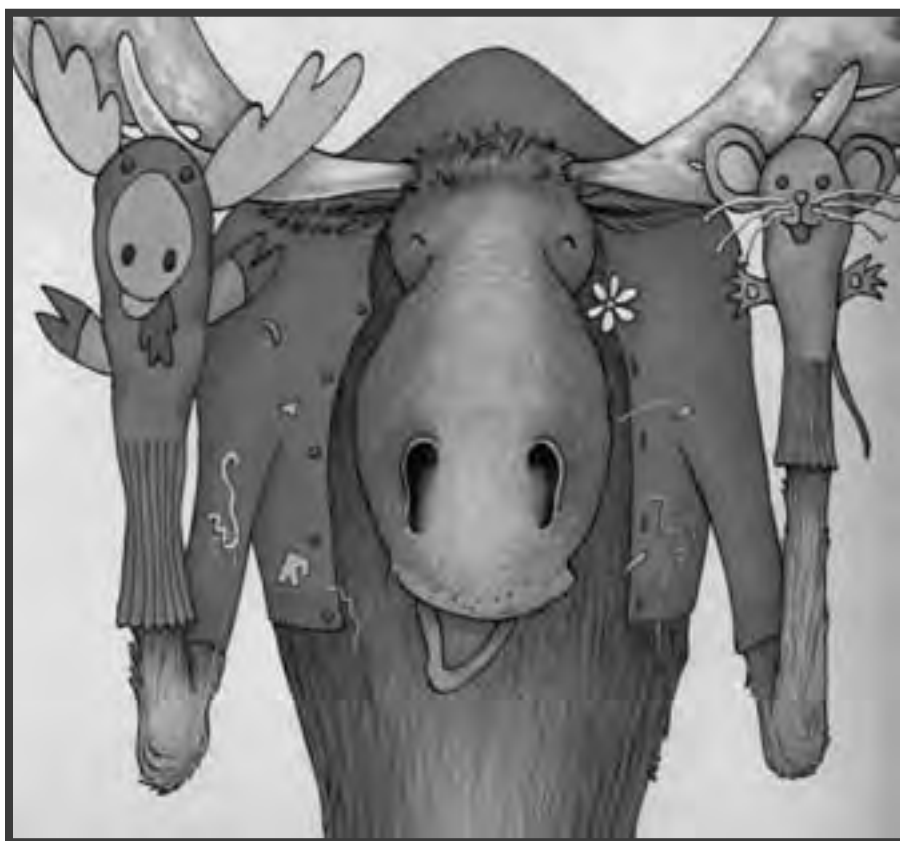
(All ages)

You can make a sock puppet just like the moose in *If You Give a Moose A Muffin*.

You will need:

- Old socks
- Material for ears, eyes, nose, mouth and hands
- Thread and needles
- Pipe cleaners for whiskers

Make a sock puppet like the one in the book.





Moose Rhymes²³

(All Ages)

Bwaa, Bwaa, Black Moose

Bwaa, bwaa, black moose

Have you any fat?

Yes sir, yes sir

Three packsacks



One for your grandma

One for your aunts

And one for the skinny boy

Who falls through his pants

Bwaa, bwaa, black moose

Have you any fat?

Yes sir, yes sir

Three packsacks

²³ From: Mother Raven Nursery Rhymes by Peter Redvers. 1992. Hay River, NT: Crosscurrent Associates.



Little Miss Moosehump²⁴

Little Miss Moosehump
Sat on a tree stump
Eating some tea and bannock
But a raven flew near
And cawed in her ear
Caw! Caw!
And caused poor Miss Moosehump to panic!

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