

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The children will:

1. Create a cow bell.
2. Develop their small motor skills.
3. Learn about the function of cow bells.
4. Shake their cow bells to the rhythm of an action rhyme.

Materials

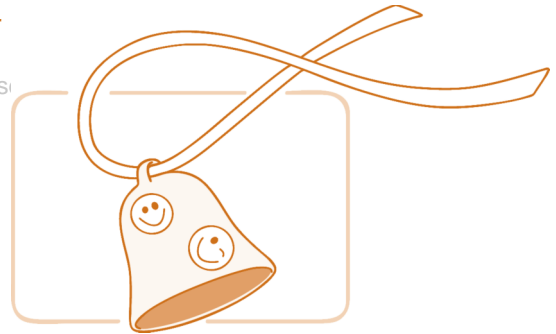
pictures of cows
small bells
ribbon
child-safe scissors
felt pens
stickers

VOCABULARY

colors	decorate	ribbon	wrist
cow	rhyme	sound	
cow bell	rhythm	stickers	

WHAT TO DO

1. Set out several pictures of cows and talk to the children about cows. Ask the children, "Where do cows live?"
2. Explain to the children that they will be making their own cow bells. Say, "After we make our own special cow bells, then we can ring our cow bells to the action rhyme."
3. Ask the children to choose a color of ribbon for their bell.
4. Encourage the children to decorate their cow bells and ribbons by coloring or drawing on them or adding stickers.
5. Help the children either tie the cow bells to their wrists or just tie the ribbon so they can hold their bells.
6. Teach the children the action rhyme "Hey, Diddle, Diddle" and model how to shake a cow bell to the beat of the rhyme.

**Children's Books**

Big Red Barn by
Margaret Wise Brown
Open the Barn Door by
Christopher Santoro
*There's a Cow in the
Cabbage Patch* by
Clare Beaton

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