Little Quack

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Activity Guide

LITTLE QUACK
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Ages: 2-10
Themes: Families, Growth and Change, Risk-Taking, Independence
Total playing time: Approximately 20 minutes

SUMMARY
Splosh! Splash! Splosh! Little Quack is a duck out of water. Can he find the courage to join his brothers and sisters in the pond? Count along with the Quack-u-lator and find out!

OBJECTIVES
- Students will make ASL - image - text connections.
- Students will learn the value of independence and risk taking.
- Students will expand their ASL vocabulary by 20 new signs.

BEFORE VIEWING DISCUSSION
- Is it OK to be afraid of the water?
- Should you jump in the water if you are afraid?
- Is it easier to follow someone after they show the way?
- Do you like to lead or follow?

AFTER VIEWING ACTIVITIES
Story Retention:
- Step through the 10-question quiz independently or in a group gaining consensus on the right answers.
- Have young readers describe their favorite scenes on the video and include 1 or more signs from that scene in their explanation.
- Was Little Quack scared at the beginning of the story?
- Why did Little Quack jump in the pond?
- How did Little Quack feel at the end of the story?
- Have young readers review and practice the ASL vocabulary.

- Ask the students what additional signs they learned while watching the story.
- Sit in a circle and have each student demonstrate a sign. Ask the other students to copy and guess what sign it is.

Spelling Practice:
- Simultaneously voice and sign various words from the story or vocabulary list while the students spell the signed word.

Life experience:
- Have you ever followed your friends or family?
- Have you ever swum in a pond?
- Were you scared to jump in the pond?
- Is it OK to do something if you are scared?

Other:
- Complete all workbook activities

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Flash Cards

Directions: Cut out flash cards and have children practice signing the words. They might need to review the DVD vocabulary.

- BLUE
- I KNOW
- BRAVE
- JUMPED
- CAN
- LEAPED
- CLOSE
- LOOK AT ME
- CLUNG
- NEST
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Complete the sentences

Directions: Complete the sentences. If the students need help challenge them by demonstrating the proper sign before showing them the written word. All words used are from the vocabulary/flashcard list.

1. Mama Duck had five little ____________________.

2. They all lived together in a nice, soft ______________.

3. The five little ducklings ___________________ close in the nest.

4. All at once, Widdle felt very ________________.

5. “Look!” she cried. “_____________ _____ ______!”

6. Now three little ducklings _______________ close in the nest.

7. He ________________ into the water.

8. Did he ________________?

9. “I did it!” he ________________.

10.“You can do it,” Mama said. “I know you __________.”
Word Scramble

Directions: Unscramble the words below. To help the students you might consider demonstrating the proper sign before showing the correctly spelled word.

1. nca: __________________________
2. apedel: ______________________
3. gnulc: ________________________
4. eedzuqs: _____________________
5. dduenlys: ____________________
6. kclngdui: ____________________
7. itaw: ________________________
8. oemc: ________________________
9. nar: _________________________
10. wlyyeo: _____________________
Word Cross

Directions: Find the words hidden in the grids below. The list of words hidden is listed to the left of each grid. The first grid is easier.

BLUE
BRAVE
CLUNG
COME
CRIED
DARE
DUCKLING
JUMPED
WAIT
YELLOW

BLUE
BRACE
CLUNG
COME
CRIED
DARE
DUCKLING
JUMPED
WAIT
YELLOW

A P E N O C J G S E
C N P U L W N G R H
Y Y E U L I L A T Q
V E N N L B D P X Z
P G L K J U M P E D
Z G C L U V B S E Q
P U V Y O P R E E W
D E I R C W A M P I
W A I T F F F V O I Z
V X D N S B E C N E

L M D W V C W E S D R E U V C
C O O I I R O R Q R E T M E A
U R O K V I L A U M Q P V O N
G N N K U E L D E M N A A P C
N O O M A D E N E X R L E E R
W Y X B I T Y G Z B L O V C L
Z O Z K D G M S E U C L O S E
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