

BOOK TITLE: Gobble Gobble Crash!

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SUMMARY OF BOOK: Gobble Gobble Crash: A Barnyard Counting Bash: A counting and rhyming book that uses different farm animals - and flying wild turkeys - to count from one to ten. Everything is quiet until all the mayhem, and then it all settles back down.



\*BEFORE READING (Ask questions and use what the child already knows to add to the discussion, assisting the child in understanding and enjoying the book):

Try questions such as these:

- Together with your child, identify all the animals on both the front and back covers.
- 2. "What sounds do the animals make? What do you think might make the crash sound?"
- 3. "What do you think is happening on the back cover?"

## **DURING READING** (ask these questions):

- Have your child use his fingers to count out each animal. Point out the word for each number and have him do that, too.
- As you encounter animals sleeping, talk about where they're sleeping (in a barn, in a coop, in a nest). "Where do you sleep?"
- 3. After reading the book several times, try pausing before reading the number and see if your child can count them up and provide you with the number.
- 4. Explain new words and what they mean ("A mare is a girl horse, yodeling is a kind of singing.").
- 5. Use different voices for the different animals and have your child join in.

## **AFTER READING** (activity to extend book experience):

- 1. Go back through the book, counting up each type of animal wherever they appear, not just on "their" pages.
- 2. Take turns being the animals and when they appear in the book, make their
- sounds. If the whole family does it, you can make a whole barnyard.
- 3. What happens at the end of the book? What will happen next?

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