**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:

1. 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):

1. Have your child use his fingers to count out each animal. Point out the word for each number and have him do that, too.

2. 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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