

Farm Boy

A sensory story based on the book by
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Transition Music

Music is integral to so many sensory stories. Consistent transition music at the start and end of a story helps to enable children and young people to anticipate what is coming next and to participate more fully in the story-sharing process. They also help to set the mood for the story.

Please feel free to choose your own transition music. The following are only suggestions:

Introductory music:

- **Marty Mone – The ploughing song**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5kDP_7bm3A0

Story ending:

- **Jack Hartmann – The funny farmer song**



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Resources

You will need some sensory resources available for this story.

- **Sound switch – Old MacDonald**
- **Farm animal toys**
- **Farmer's flat cap**
- **Sound switch – tractor noises**
- **Toy tractor**
- **Hula hoop (small diameter)**
- **Plastic cups**
- **Soft toy horse**
- **Edible soil or compost**
- **Spoon**
- **Sound switch – laughter**
- **Clip-on tie or braces**
- **Ticking clock**
- **Sound switch – "I've got a brand-new combine harvester" The Wurzels**
- **Skipping rope**
- **(checkered) Flag**
- **Stone or rock**
- **Sound switch (cheering)**
- **Sound switch " We are the champions"**
- **Flat caps**
- **Straw**



Sensory Resources and Activities

Sound switch – Old MacDonald
Farm animal toys
Farmer's flat cap



Boy loved visiting
his Grandpa on the
farm.



Sensory Resources and Activities

Sound switch – Tractor noises

Toy tractor

Small diameter hula hoop

Learners mimic steering using hula
hoop steering wheel



He always liked the
old tractor in the
barn.



Sensory Resources and Activities

Plastic cups on table to make clip-clop sound
Soft toy horse



Grandpa said that
when he was little,
they used horses on
the farm.



Sensory Resources and Activities

Tray of edible soil or compost
Spoon to make marks in the soil



The horses helped
plough the fields.



Sensory Resources and Activities

Sound switch – Laughter
Clip-on tie or braces



One day Farmer
Harry laughed at
the horses.



Sensory Resources and Activities

Ticking clock

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"I bet my tractor
can plough the field
quicker than your
horses."



Sensory Resources and Activities

Sound switch – “I’ve got a brand-new combine harvester” The Wurzels

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“if the horses win,
I’ll give you my
tractor.”



Sensory Resources and Activities

Skipping rope – learners pull
against peers or adult



The race began.
The horses pulled
the plough.



Sensory Resources and Activities

Wave winning flag (checkered if possible)

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But the tractor was
faster.
Will the tractor
win?



Sensory Resources and Activities

Heavy stone or small rock



Suddenly the tractor
hit a rock and
toppled into a ditch.



Sensory Resources and Activities

Steady clip-clop sound using
plastic cups on table

Checkered flag

Sound switch - cheering



The horses ploughed
past the tractor.
The horses won!



Sensory Resources and Activities

Sound switch – “We are the champions”



That was how
Grandpa won the
tractor.



Sensory Resources and Activities

Place flat caps on learner's heads
Straw for children to feel



Boy came to live on
the farm and
became a farmer
too.





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