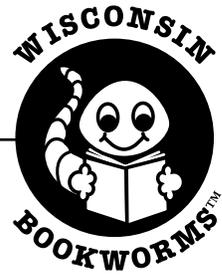


Activity Sheet



"Are You a Horse?"

by Andy Rash

For his birthday, Roy's friends give him a saddle and some very specific instructions: "Find a horse" and "Enjoy the ride"! Roy doesn't know what a horse IS and sets off to find out. A snake tells him to look for a creature with legs. A crab has six legs, but he's too unfriendly to be a horse. A chameleon smiles at Roy, but horses don't change color. What's a horseless cowboy to do?

Before you read this book: Gather a cowboy hat, boots, or other cowboy gear to wear while you're reading. Bring in bandanas for each child to wear. Talk about cowboys. What do they wear? What do they ride? Talk about horses. What sound does a horse make? What do they eat?

While you read this book: Pause to let the kids name the different animals. Look at the final page. What's wrong with the picture?

After you read this book: Set up a plastic horseshoe game outside. Show children how to throw the horseshoes so they catch them around the stake.

Try this at home: Here's a great idea from Busy Bee Kids Crafts. Trace your child's foot for a horse's head, two triangles for ears, and a rectangle-like shape for the neck. Help them cut out the shapes. Glue the head, ears and neck onto construction paper, add eyes and two lines for nostrils. Cut yarn into 1-to 2-inch pieces and glue them on for the mane.

Additional resources:

"Clip Clop" by Nicola Smee

"Are You My Mother?" by P.D. Eastman

"B is for Buckaroo: A Cowboy Alphabet by Louise Doak Whitney, Gleaves Whitney and Susan Guy"

Check out this song about cowboys from PBS Kids:

http://pbskids.org/buster/songs/tx_houston_sng.html