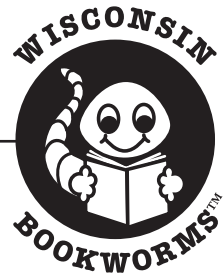


# Activity Sheet



## **Cindy Moo**

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One night on the farm, the cows overhear a fantastic tale. “Hey Diddle Diddle, the cat and the fiddle, the cow jumped over the moon!” Inspired by this classic rhyme, a cow named Cindy Moo sets out to prove that cows really can leap over the moon. The other cows laugh at her, but that doesn’t stop Cindy from trying—and failing—night after night... until a trick of nature shows Cindy a way to triumph.

**Before you read this book:** Read the nursery rhyme “Hey Diddle Diddle the Cat and the Fiddle.”

**While reading this book:** Have the children make predictions if Cindy Moo will be able to jump over the moon.

**After you read this book:** Go outside (or pretend!) and set up hula hoops for the kids to jump over. This can be the “puddle” that Cindy Moo jumped over. Read the book again and have the kids jump every time they hear the word “jump/jumped.”

### **Try this at home:**

1. Read more nursery rhymes with your child and have him or her make predictions with the characters.
2. At the grocery store, let your child help you pick out some vegetables that are the leaves of **plants** (like spinach or lettuce), some vegetables that are the fruits of plants (like tomatoes and peppers), and some vegetables that are parts of the plant that **grow** underground (like carrots, onions, and potatoes). Talk about how these vegetables are grown and how they are **harvested**.

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