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FREE PRINTABLE ACTIVITY PACK

Hey Diddle Diddle

A traditional Mother Goose nursery rhyme



For ages 4–8 ✦ Pre-K through 2nd grade

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✦ THE RHYME ✦

Hey Diddle Diddle

A favorite Mother Goose nonsense rhyme, full of impossible, happy things



Hey diddle diddle,
The cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped over the moon;
The little dog laughed
To see such sport,
And the dish ran away with the spoon.

Listen along. Scan to watch the Storyland Classics read-aloud, or visit *storylandclassics.com/diddle*. Say the rhyme together until children can join in on every line.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What did the cat play? (A fiddle is another name for a violin.)
2. What did the cow jump over?
3. Why did the little dog laugh?
4. Which part is the silliest? Could a cow really jump over the moon?

ACT IT OUT

Choose a cat, a cow, a dog, a dish and a spoon. The cat pretends to fiddle, the cow leaps over a paper moon on the floor, the dog laughs, and the dish and spoon run away hand in hand!

> **Rhyme tip:** Pause before “moon” and “spoon” and let children shout the rhyming word.

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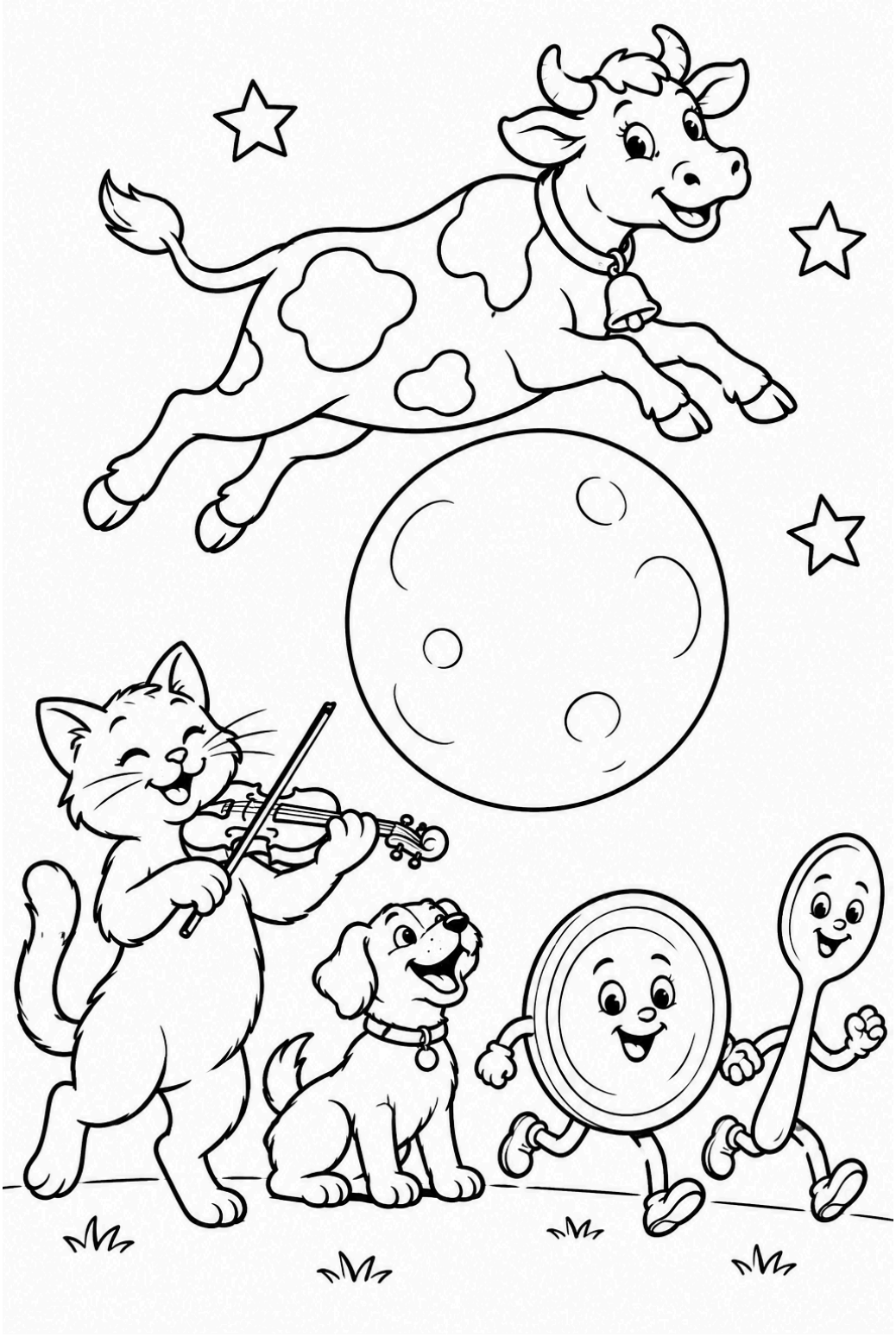
✦ COLOR IT ✦

The Cow Jumped Over the Moon

Color the cat and his fiddle, the jumping cow, the big moon, the laughing dog, and the dish and spoon.



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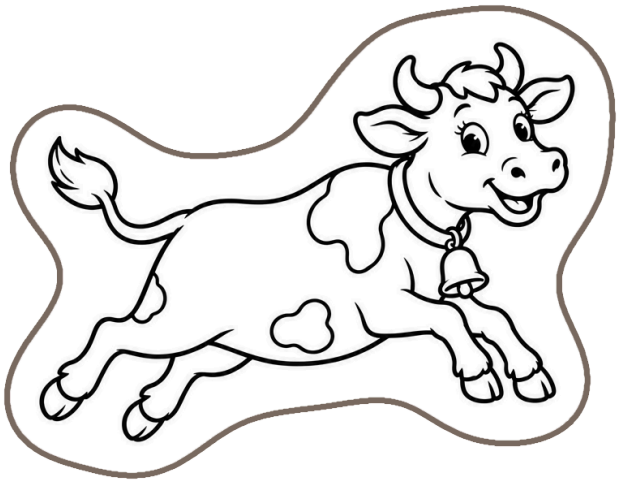
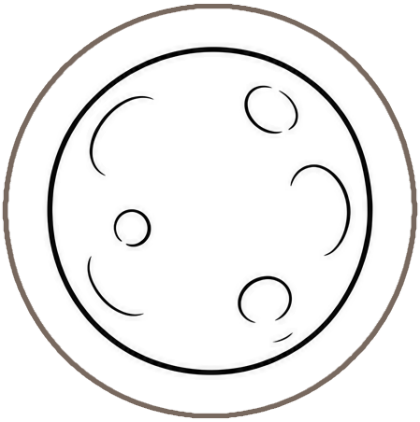
✦ CUT & PASTE CRAFT ✦

Hey Diddle Diddle

Color the pieces and cut them out. Then paste them in the night sky on the next page.



Cow



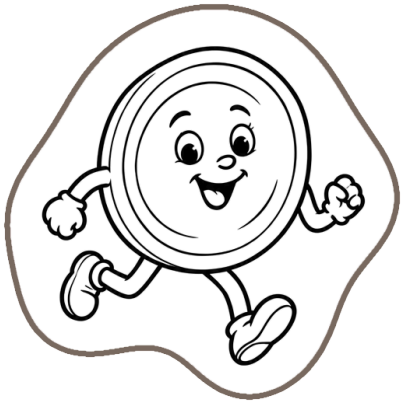
Moon



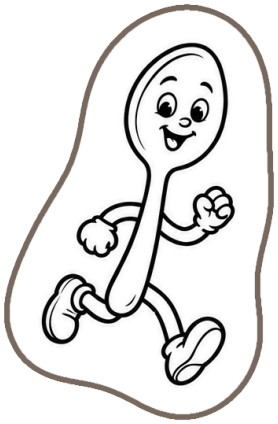
Cat



Dog



Dish



Spoon



Star



Star

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✦ CUT & PASTE CRAFT ✦

Over the Moon

*Paste the moon in the **middle** of the sky and the cow **over** the moon. Put the cat on the **left** and the dog **next to** him. Make the dish and spoon run away on the **right**, toward the little house.*



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✦ READING FUN ✦

Put the Rhyme in Order

Cut out the four lines. Say the rhyme, then paste each line in the right box.

1

2

3

4

✂ - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - cut on the dotted lines - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -



The little dog laughed to see such sport,



Hey diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle,



And the dish ran away with the spoon.



The cow jumped over the moon;

Need a hint? The picture on each strip matches that line.

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✦ RHYME TIME ✦

Words That Rhyme

Rhyming words sound the same at the end, like moon and spoon, or diddle and fiddle.

1. These words are from the rhyme. Draw a line from each word to the picture that rhymes with it. *(Grown-ups: read the words aloud.)*

moon	 frog
cat	 fish
dog	 balloon
dish	 hat

2. Circle the words that rhyme with *moon*.

spoon cow soon dish tune noon

3. Finish the rhyme. Write a word from the box on each line.

fiddle moon laughed spoon

The cat and the _____ ,

The cow jumped over the _____ ;

The little dog _____

And the dish ran away with the _____ .

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✦ LISTEN & COUNT ✦

Count the Words

Words are the pieces of what we say. How many words can you hear?

Say each one out loud. Clap once for every word. Color one box for each clap, then write how many words you heard.

The cat and the fiddle.

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ = ___ words

The cow jumped.

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ = ___ words

over the moon

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ = ___ words

The dog laughed.

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ = ___ words

the dish and the spoon

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ = ___ words

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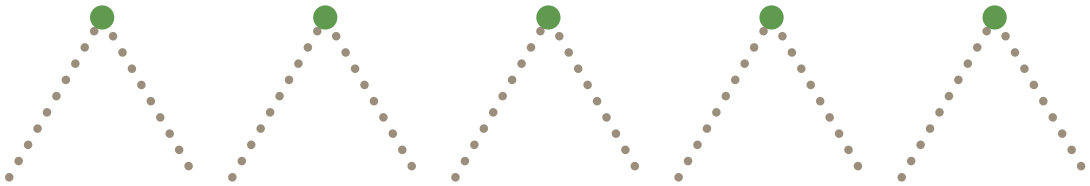
✦ READY TO WRITE ✦

Pencil Warm-Ups

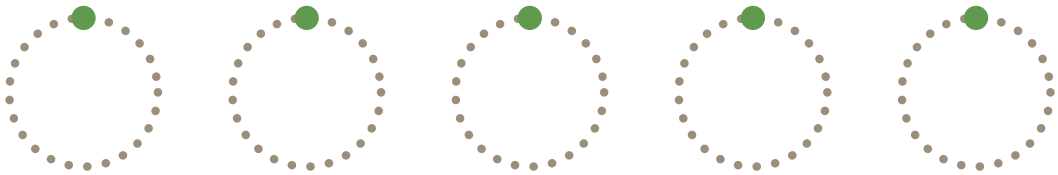
Hold your pencil with a pinch grip: thumb and pointer finger pinch, middle finger underneath.

Start at the **green dot**. Trace each dotted line with your pencil. Go from left to right, and from top to bottom.

COW'S JUMP: UP AND DOWN



FULL MOON: ROUND AND ROUND



FIDDLE MUSIC: WAVY LINES



FIDDLE STRINGS: STRAIGHT DOWN



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✦ HANDWRITING ✦

Trace & Write

Practice writing words from the rhyme. Start at the top line and go down.

1. Trace over the gray letters. Then write the word on your own in the space beside it.

cat

cow

moon

spoon

2. Copy the line from the rhyme in your best handwriting.

The cow jumped over the moon;

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✦ PUZZLE TIME ✦

Word Search

Find the words from the rhyme. Words go across and down. Check off each word when you find it.

G	Y	N	V	U	T	A	E	C	S
N	N	F	L	A	U	G	H	E	D
D	N	O	E	I	N	C	S	M	E
I	L	F	J	L	W	O	P	J	E
S	O	I	U	U	S	W	O	M	C
H	A	D	M	V	T	O	O	O	A
E	F	D	P	W	A	Y	N	O	T
O	A	L	T	U	R	U	R	N	U
D	A	E	W	I	D	O	G	O	N
S	W	U	S	O	E	H	F	F	M

☆ ☆ ☆

☐ Cat ☐ Fiddle ☐ Cow ☐ Moon ☐ Dog

☐ Laughed ☐ Dish ☐ Spoon ☐ Jump ☐ Star

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✦ FOR GROWN-UPS ✦

Answer Key

TALK ABOUT IT

1. A fiddle (violin).
2. The moon.
3. He saw such silly fun (sport).
4. Answers will vary. No!

PUT THE RHYME IN ORDER

1. Hey diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle,
2. The cow jumped over the moon;
3. The little dog laughed to see such sport,
4. And the dish ran away with the spoon.

RHYME TIME

1. moon – balloon, cat – hat, dog – frog, dish – fish
2. spoon, soon, tune, noon
3. fiddle, moon, laughed, spoon

COUNT THE WORDS

The cat and the fiddle. = 5, The cow jumped. = 3, over the moon = 3, The dog laughed. = 3, the dish and the spoon = 5

WORD SEARCH

G	Y	N	V	U	T	A	E	C	S
N	N	F	L	A	U	G	H	E	D
D	N	O	E	I	N	C	S	M	E
I	L	F	J	L	W	O	P	J	E
S	O	I	U	U	S	W	O	M	C
H	A	D	M	V	T	O	O	O	A
E	F	D	P	W	A	Y	N	O	T
O	A	L	T	U	R	U	R	N	U
D	A	E	W	I	D	O	G	O	N
S	W	U	S	O	E	H	F	F	M

BRING THE RHYME HOME

Watch the read-aloud at *storylandclassics.com/diddle*, and find more nursery rhymes, stories, poems and free guides at **storylandclassics.com**.

Extend the fun: make a paper-plate moon and have toy animals jump over it, put on a "dish and spoon" race, or look at the real moon tonight and talk about its shape.

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KINDERGARTEN SKILLS IN THIS PACK

- **Listening & rhyme:** recognize rhyming words; count the words in a phrase (CCSS RF.K.2, RF.K.2a)
- **Print concepts:** left-to-right, top-to-bottom tracking; put the rhyme's lines in order (RF.K.1a)
- **Pre-writing & handwriting:** pinch grip, lines, circles and diagonals, tracing and copying letters (L.K.1a)
- **Position words:** left, right, next to, in front of in the craft directions (L.K.1e)
- **Speaking & listening:** talk-about-it questions after the read-aloud (SL.K.2, RL.K.10)

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