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FREE PRINTABLE ACTIVITY PACK

Little Boy Blue

A traditional Mother Goose nursery rhyme



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

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✦ THE RHYME ✦

Little Boy Blue

A Mother Goose rhyme about a little shepherd who fell asleep on the job



Little Boy Blue, come blow your horn,
The sheep's in the meadow, the cow's in the corn.
Where is the boy who looks after the sheep?
He's under a haystack, fast asleep.

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

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What is Little Boy Blue's job?
2. Where are the sheep? Where is the cow?
3. Where is Little Boy Blue? What is he doing?
4. Should we wake him up? What would you do?

ACT IT OUT

One child curls up "fast asleep" as Little Boy Blue. Others are sheep ("baa!") and cows ("moo!") wandering off. Everyone calls, "Little Boy Blue, come blow your horn!" and he wakes up and toots his horn.

Rhyme tip: A *haystack* is a big pile of hay in a field. A *meadow* is a grassy field.

✦ COLOR IT ✦

Fast Asleep

Color Little Boy Blue (what color should his clothes be?), the haystack, his horn, the sheep and the cow.



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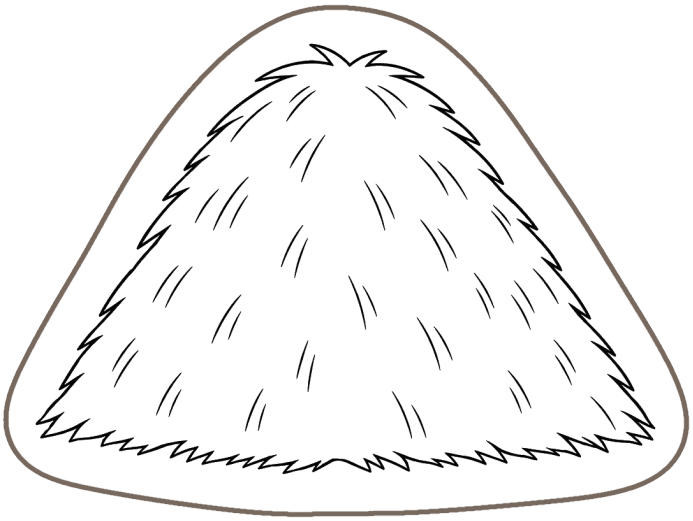
✦ CUT & PASTE CRAFT ✦

Little Boy Blue

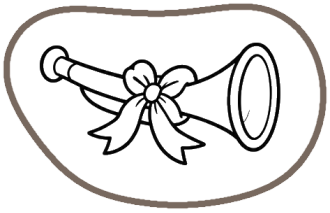
Color the pieces and cut them out. Then paste them on the farm on the next page.



Haystack



Little Boy Blue



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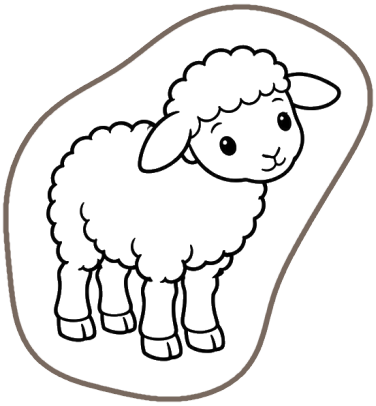
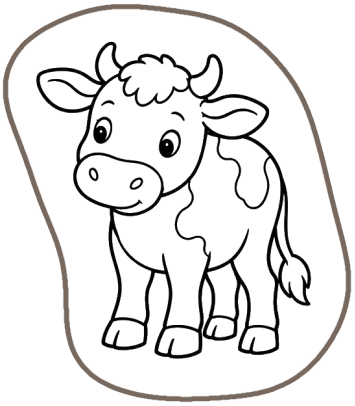


Sheep



Cow

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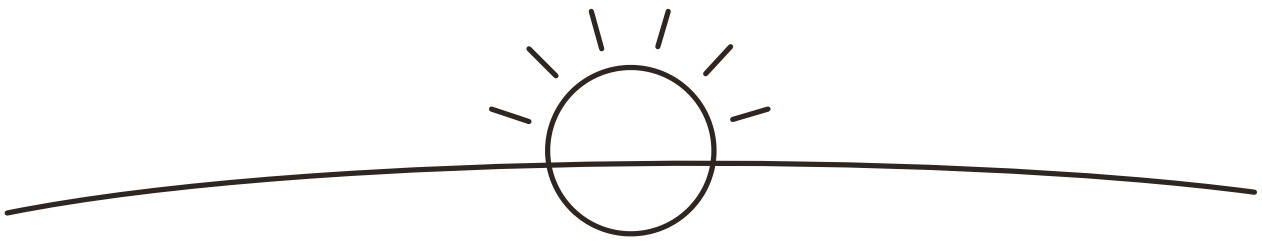
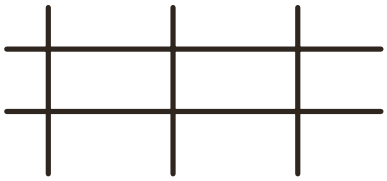
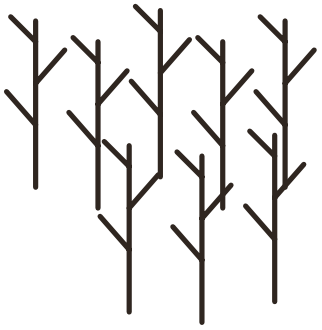
✦ CUT & PASTE CRAFT ✦

Under the Haystack

*Paste the haystack in the **middle** of the field and Little Boy Blue **under** it, fast asleep, with his horn. Put the sheep **in** the meadow and the cow **in** the corn.*

















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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.

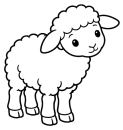
1

2

3

4

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



Where is the boy who looks after the sheep?



Little Boy Blue, come blow your horn,



He’s under a haystack, fast asleep.



The sheep’s in the meadow, the cow’s in the corn.

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 horn and corn, or sheep and asleep.

1. Say each word, then draw a line from it to the picture that rhymes with it. *(Grown-ups: read the words aloud.)*

horn	 shoe
sheep	 pie
Blue	 corn
cry	 jeep

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

asleep cow deep horn keep peep

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

horn corn sheep asleep

Little Boy Blue, come blow your _____ ,

The sheep's in the meadow, the cow's in the _____ ;

Where is the boy who looks after the _____ ?

He's under a haystack, fast _____ .

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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.

Blow your horn.

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ = ___ words

the sheep in the meadow

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ = ___ words

the cow in the corn

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ = ___ words

fast asleep

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ = ___ words

Come blow your horn.

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ = ___ words

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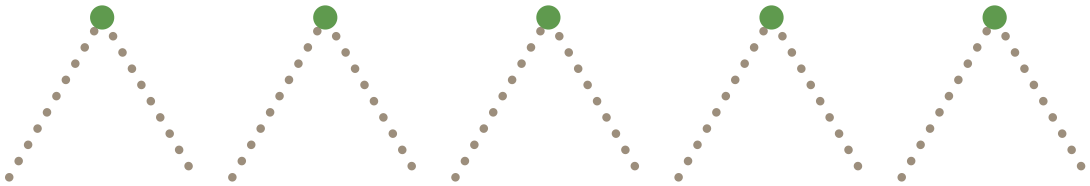
✦ READY TO WRITE ✦

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.

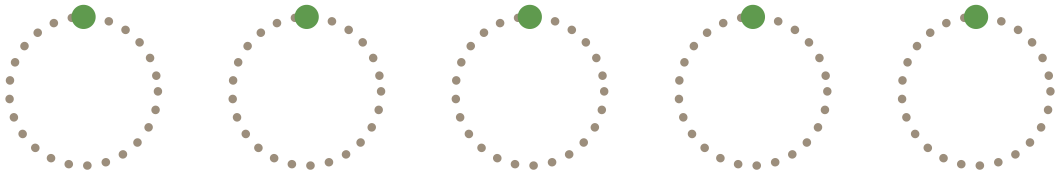
HAYSTACK: UP AND DOWN



CORN STALKS: STRAIGHT DOWN



WOOLLY SHEEP: ROUND AND ROUND



HORN MUSIC: WAVY LINES



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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.

Blue

horn

sheep

cow

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

Little Boy Blue, come blow your horn,

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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.

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

☆ ☆ ☆

☐ Blue ☐ Horn ☐ Sheep ☐ Meadow ☐ Cow

☐ Corn ☐ Hay ☐ Asleep ☐ Wake ☐ Boy

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✦ FOR GROWN-UPS ✦

Answer Key

TALK ABOUT IT

1. To look after the sheep.
2. The sheep are in the meadow; the cow is in the corn.
3. Under a haystack, fast asleep.
4. Answers will vary.

PUT THE RHYME IN ORDER

1. Little Boy Blue, come blow your horn,
2. The sheep's in the meadow, the cow's in the corn.
3. Where is the boy who looks after the sheep?
4. He's under a haystack, fast asleep.

These are the first four lines of the rhyme.

RHYME TIME

1. horn – corn, sheep – jeep, Blue – shoe, cry – pie
2. asleep, deep, keep, peep
3. horn, corn, sheep, asleep

COUNT THE WORDS

Blow your horn. = 3, the sheep in the meadow = 5, the cow in the corn = 5, fast asleep = 2, Come blow your horn. = 4

WORD SEARCH

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

BRING THE RHYME HOME

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

Extend the fun: play a toy horn or blow through a paper-towel tube, sort toy farm animals into "meadow" and "corn," or play a quiet game of tiptoe so you don't wake Little Boy Blue.

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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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