Infants and toddlers can visit a farm with Spot as he and his tractor-driving father look for newborn kittens and piglets on a farm. The lift-up flaps show other animals, too.

**Some new sounds and words your baby might learn:** horse, cat, cow, hen, pig, animal sounds.

**Before:**
- Hold your baby on your lap. Say a rhyme or sing a song about animals.
- Show your baby a stuffed dog, a picture of one, or your own real dog. Say, “This is a dog.”
- Let him look at, touch, hold, and even taste the book.

**During:**
- As you look at the pictures, say the names of the animals and make the animal sounds.
- Point to Spot and say, “This dog’s name is Spot.”
- After playing with the book many times, see if your baby can point to Spot on each page, when you ask “Where is Spot?”
- Help your older baby lift the flaps. Ask, “What do you see?” and then name it for him.
- Read the story with enthusiasm. Your baby will enjoy your voice and may join in with “babble-talk.”

**After:**
- Sing a short version of the song *Old McDonald Had a Farm*. Pause during the song for your baby to babble or for your older toddler to try to make the animal sounds.
- When you see animals, point them out to your baby and name them. You might say, “Look, there’s a puppy, like Spot.”

Try some of the ideas above. Continue to use your own imagination during book play too. Have fun with the book and enjoy your time together.

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