

## **Look Out, Pink Piglet!**

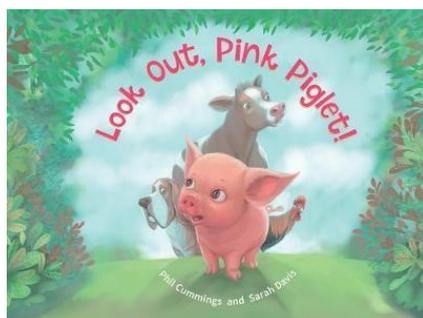
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Pink Piglet may be the littlest animal in the barn, but his friends know that he is also the bravest. So when a strange new sound frightens Cow, Rooster and Dog, it's up to Pink Piglet to find out what kind of creature it's coming from. A beautifully simple text, with great repetition and rhythm that make it an ideal read-aloud story.



Teacher Notes have been based on those supplied by the publisher. A full version is available on our website.

### **Themes:**

- Bravery and Fear
- Pigs
- Farmyard Animals
- Curiosity, Play and Imagination

### **Discussion Questions:**

- Piglet is frightened when he hears scary noises. But the other animals think piglet is brave and expect him to investigate for them. Invite students to discuss a time when they were scared by a noise and what they did about it.
- The story has a 'twist' in it when piglet discovers that the noises are being made by a baby! Have you ever discovered that a scary noise wasn't so scary after all?
- Is piglet hiding his fear? Is he as brave as the other animals think he is? What qualities do you need to put on a brave face?
- The title page depicts Pink Piglet with an expression that is less confident than the cover would suggest. What does it tell you about his character? Does the image explain to the reader what the story is about?
- Invite students to discuss the curious things they've discovered in their playtime or when they've been out walking.
- Play sounds to the class and invite them to guess what they are.
- Play charades and invite the class to guess what animal or person you are representing.
- This story is told in third person past tense. Could it have been told in first person? eg 'Early one morning, I went out exploring...' How might that have changed the story?
- Noise-making in a cumulative tale is an important feature, encouraging participation. Make the noises as you read the story. eg Cock-a-Doodle-Do. What noise would a baby make? Invite students to create their own original baby noises.

### **Activities:**

- Make a Pig Mask (Template attached)
- Make up another story about pink piglet as a sequel to this one. What might piglet do on another day out adventuring? Invite students to draw, paint, or collage another scene to accompany the story you wrote. Create a classroom mural using all the images.
- The cover of a book is an important part of its message. Look at the front cover of *Look Out, Pink Piglet!* Pink Piglet is framed in a circle of light with the other creatures behind him. The background is an arresting green. This cover is suggestive of a film hero. Design another cover for this book and display them in the classroom as an exhibition, created in response to this text.

## PIG MASK

**Enlarge the mask below on A3 craft paper and cut it out. Colour it in and then add elastic to sides to put over your head.**

[Image courtesy of maskspot.com <http://maskspot.com/download/pig-mask/>]

