

Storytime Suggestions for *A Paddling of Ducks*

Storytime Props

Make storytime more creative by including props to encourage group participation. Don't forget to store all your props in a bin for next time.

You might include

- toy animals — bears, crocodiles, ducks, etc.
- a soccer ball
- knitting needles and yarn
- chess pieces

Activity Materials

- chart paper
- pencils or pens
- photocopies of “Animal Match-Up” activity on page 2

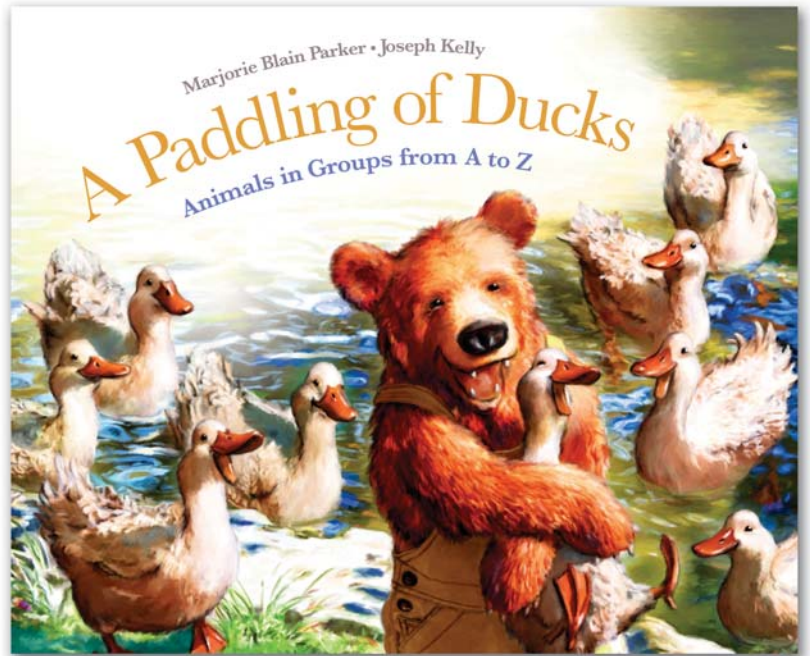
Before Storytime

A Paddling of Ducks is an imaginative introduction to collective nouns. Ask your group if they know the following: What is a group of wolves called? What is a group of zebras called? What is a group of birds called?

During Storytime

Ask your group to describe what's happening in each illustration. What are the animals doing?

And don't forget to watch out for the ducks on every page.



After Storytime

Explain that some animal group names are very descriptive — when we hear a group name we can imagine how the animal group looks or acts. Why might a group of ants be called an army? Why might a group of rhinos be called a crash? What might these names tell us about how these animals behave as a group?

For more fun, hand out a copy of the “Animal Match-Up” activity to every person in the group.



Animal Match-Up

Draw a line connecting the group of animals to its group name.



paddling



party



pack



sloth



bask

Answers

Turn the page up-side down to reveal the answers to the Animal Match-Up.

A paddling of ducks. A sloth of bears. A bask of crocodiles. A party of jays. A pack of wolves.