

# Five Little Ducks

## **CHALLENGING WORDS**

away  
back  
came  
duck  
far  
little  
mother  
only  
over  
quack

## **SUMMARY**

When her five little ducks disappear, one by one, mother duck sets out to find them. She goes through rain, autumn, and winter. Finally, one day the sad mother goes out and all of her ducklings have returned.

### --- Conversation Questions---

**(1) Recall what the weather was like when the ducklings came back.**

**(Answer)** It was raining.

**(Follow Up)** Do you like rain? Why or why not?

**(2) Imagine you were the little ducks. Where would you have gone?**

**(Answer)** Any logical answer.

**(Follow Up)** Name your favorite place to visit.

**(3) Guess where the ducks went.**

**(Answer)** Any logical answer.

**(Follow Up)** Have you ever hid from someone? Where were you hiding?

**(4) Suppose you were the mother duck. How would you feel if you lost your ducklings?**

**(Answer)** Any logical answer.

**(Follow Up)** Tell me about a time you have lost or thought you lost something.

**(5) Substitute another word that could have been used for hills in this story.**

**(Answer)** Mountains.

**(Follow Up)** Have you ever been hiking on a hill or mountain? Did you like it?

**(6) List the seasons that took place while mother duck was searching for her ducklings.**

**(Answer)** Fall, winter, spring, and summer.

**(Follow Up)** Name your favorite season.

**(7) Look in the book in page 18. Count how many ducks are beside the mother duck.**

**(Answer)** 25

**(Follow Up)** How many ducks would you like to have?

**(8) Search for what the ducks are doing on page 4 in the book.**

**(Answer)** Playing in the dirt.

**(Follow Up)** Do you like to play in the dirt? What do you do?

**(9)**

**(Answer)**

**(Follow Up)**

**(10)**

**(Answer)**

**(Follow Up)**

## Activities

1. Retell the story using a different animal and what his mother would say.
2. List all the different places you think the ducks went.
3. Make a flipbook of the five little ducks.
4. Draw the mother and her five little ducks. Write a name and a descriptive word or two about each duck.

## Introductions

1. Show the children a rubber duck. Ask the children if they have ever had a duck for a pet. Tell them today we are going to read about five little ducks and a problem the mother has. Let's read and see what it is.
2. Place a rubber duck in a bag. Let the children reach in and try to guess what it is. Discuss ducks with them. Today our story is about five little ducks, let's see what kind of trouble they get into.
3. Have a picture of five little ducks. Ask them what ducks do and how their mothers would act if they could not find their little ducks. We are going to read about five little ducks that get lost from their mother. Let's see how she finds them.

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<b>Building Oral Vocabulary</b>					
<b>1</b>	<b>away</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>over</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>only</b>
<b>Prediction Questions</b>					
<b>2</b>	<b>What do you think will happen next?</b>				
<b>11</b>	<b>How many ducks do you think will come back now?</b>				
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