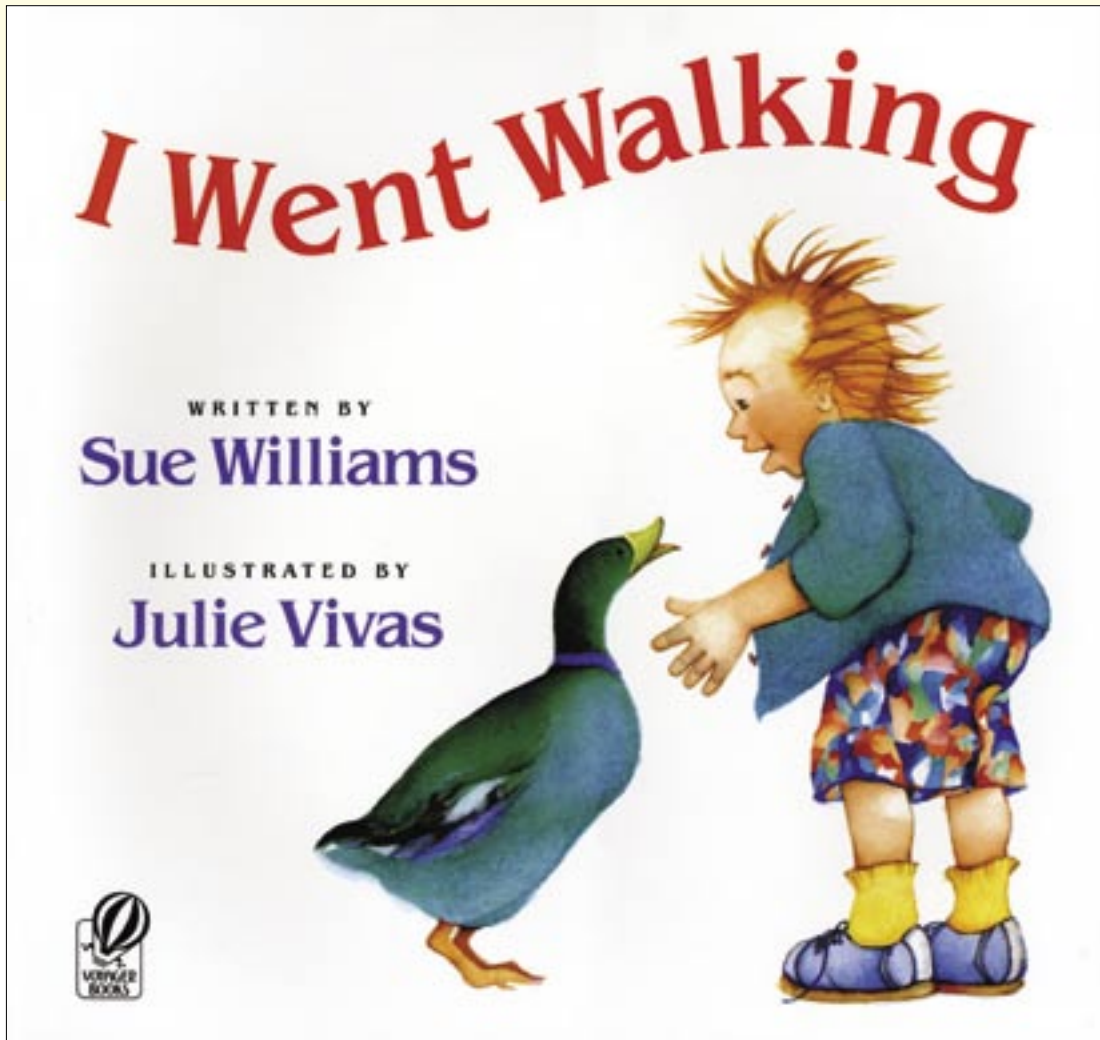


I Went Walking

By Sue Williams

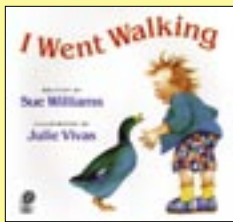
A young child meets animals while on a walk. By the end of the walk, the child has a parade of animals following behind.



First Reading

Before you read this story, **set the stage** for enjoying the book with an introduction. Here are some ideas or you could make up your own.

“When was the last time you went for a walk? What kinds of things did you see? Let’s go for a walk in this book called *I Went Walking*. See if you can guess what the child will see before it happens.”



Read It Again (and Again) and Start a Conversation

Each page has a visual clue as to what will happen next.

Point out the clue and ask your child: “What does this look like?”

Can you guess what animal the child in the book will see next?”

“What animal do you see?” Have your child name the animal before reading the page.

“What color is this animal?” Have your child name the color before reading the page.

“What noise does this animal make?”

“Where do you think this child is walking to?”

Where would you go if you went for a walk?”

“How does this child feel about meeting the animals?” Ask your child how he would feel if he got to pet a cat, wash a pig, meet a horse, etc? Would he feel scared, happy? Would the animal feel soft to touch? What would the animal smell like?

“Which animal do you think is the child’s favorite in the book? Can you tell by looking at the child’s face? Do you have a favorite animal?”

One animal at a time is added in the book. Ask your child to count the animals with you every time a new one is added.

Follow along with what happens to the shoes and socks of the child throughout the story. Ask your child: “What happened to the shoes and socks in this picture?”

Play With Language

Game: Silly Words

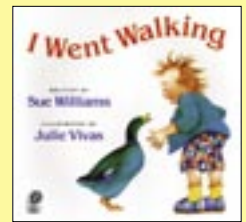
Make up “silly” words by changing the first letter in the animal words from the book (example: cat, bat, dat, tat; horse, dorse, gorse). Play a game of seeing how many “silly” words you and your child can create and then have your child tell you whether or not the “silly” word is a real word or not.

From the Public Library Association, Every Child Ready to Read

Game: Letter “W”

Ask your child to help you name words that start with a “W” sound.

Words in the book include: went, walking, what. What other words can you and your child come up with that start with a “W” sound?



Rhyme

Hello Toes

Hello toes.
(point toes up toward you)

Good-bye toes.
(point toes away from you)

Hello toes.
(point toes up toward you)

Good-bye toes.
(point toes away from you)

Hello toes.
(point toes up toward you)

Good-bye toes.
(point toes away from you)

My toes were feeling shy today,
(turn toes inward)

But now they're feeling better!
(stomp feet on floor)

Song

I Went Walking Song (Tune: *Old MacDonald Had a Farm*)

I went for a walk and what did I see?
E - I - E - I - O

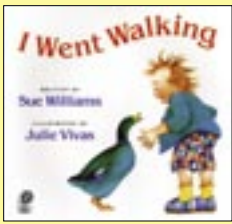
I saw a BLACK CAT looking at me.
E - I - E - I - O

With a MEOW, MEOW here,
And a MEOW, MEOW there,
Here a MEOW, there a MEOW,
Everywhere a MEOW, MEOW.

I went for a walk and what did I see?
E - I - E - I - O

(You can use the animals from the book: black cat, brown horse, red cow, green duck, pink pig, yellow dog, or ask your child to name his own.)





Other Activities To Do Together

Go for a walk. Use your five senses to talk about what you see on your walk. Use the words from the book: “I went walking. What did I see?”

Visit a petting zoo or a farm. Visit with animals that your child can recognize from the book.

With your child, write your own book. Ask your child to imagine what kinds of animals and things he would like to see on a walk. Use the pattern: “I went walking. What did I see?” Write the words and have your child draw the pictures.

Have your child pretend to be the animals in the book by making animal sounds and walking around the room as the animal would.

With a group of children all pretending to be animals, have a parade like the one at the end of the book.

More Books About Taking a Walk

Absolutely Not by Matthew McElligott

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin

The Day the Babies Crawled Away by Peggy Rathman

I Took the Moon for a Walk by Carolyn Curtis

Silly Sally by Audrey Woods

Three Wise Old Women by Elizabeth T. Corbett

