



Gertie Goose
Here: Jingle Bells
Gertie Gooses, Gertie Gooses,
Guards the garden gate
So Goat can't come and gobble up
The goodies in her crate.

Letter Gg

The letter-sound association we are studying this week is "G g" as in "Gertie Goose." (We will not be studying the "soft g" sound you hear at the beginning of the word "giraffe.") Here are some activities your child can do to supplement our classroom activities.

1. Play a Listening game: "Gallop" when you hear a word that begins like "goat." If your child can hear many letter sounds then read the list again and have your child say if he/she hears the "G g" sound at the beginning, middle or end of each word or doesn't hear it at all.

goat, wiggle, pig, gate, ghost, goose, dog, snuggle, gopher, gumbo, begin, gas, stegosaurus, gobbler, big, gum, guppy, egg, giggle, gallery, guess, bag, gorilla, juggle, bug, game...

2. Play a Listening game.

Which words in each sentence begin with the "G g" sound as in "gorilla"?

- "Good morning, boys and girls," said Mrs. Jones.
- Gordon got his guitar and sang for us.
- We need gas to go for a ride in the car.
- That goat can drink a gallon of water.
- Let's play a guessing game.

3. Play a Word Guessing game.

All your guesses should begin with the "G g" sound.

- "Candyland" and "Hungry, Hungry Hippos" are good _____. (games)
- I grow flowers and vegetables in my _____. (garden)
- On your birthday you will be given a present.
Another word for present is _____. (gift)
- In a treasure chest the coins may be silver or _____. (gold)
- I am thinking of something you buy at the store. It is sweet and you can chew it for a long time. It is sticky chewing _____. (gum)

4. Look through magazines to find pictures of objects that begin with **Gg**. Glue them to a piece of paper and have your child label the pictures using invented spelling or by guessing how each word is spelled. It may help if an adult says each word clearly, then has the child repeat the word. Say the word a few times so your child can listen to each of the sounds at the beginning, middle and end. Your child should guess how the word is spelled and write his/her letter guesses under each picture.

5. Make a list of friends, relatives and favorite storybook characters with a name that begins with the "**Gg**" sound.

6. Go on a **Gg** hunt. Look through books, newspapers and/or magazines for *Gg*'s in print.