Mother Goose

A book of coloring and rhyming.

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Ideas for Using This Book

You may think that Mother Goose is just for the youngest children, but here are some ideas that can be used with this book beyond coloring and reciting the poems.

1. Update the rhymes for modern times.

2. Start your children off with an alternative first verse and have them complete their own “Mother Goose” rhyme.
   For example, “Jack and Jill went down the street.”

3. Change the rhymes to make them for modern times.

4. Children can create their own rhymes in mother goose style.

5. Don’t forget to have them make their own illustrations for the updated rhymes and their own creations.

6. Many of the Mother Goose Rhymes are hundreds and hundreds of years old. They may contain language that your children may have never heard before. You can discuss the meanings of some of the words like Jack’s crown, sixpence and cobbler.
Humpty-Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty-Dumpty had a great fall;
Threescore men and threescore more
Cannot place Humpty-Dumpty as he was before.
Bow, wow, wow,
Whose dog art thou?
Little Tom Tinker's dog,
Bow, wow, wow.
Hickory, dickory, dock,
The mouse ran up the clock;
The clock struck one,
The mouse ran down;
Hickory, dickory, dock.
Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake,
Baker's man,
Bake me a cake
As fast as you can;
Prick it and pat it,
And mark it with T,
And put it in the oven
For Teddy and me.
Jack and Jill went up the hill,
To fetch a pail of water;
Jack fell down, and broke his crown,
And Jill came tumbling after.
To market, to market, to buy a fat pig,
Home again, home again, dancing a jig;
To market, to market, to buy a fat hog;
Home again, home again, jiggety-jog;
To market, to market, to buy a plum bun,
Home again, home again, market is done.
Higgledy, piggledy, my black hen,
She lays eggs for gentlemen;
Sometimes nine, sometimes ten;
Higgledy, piggledy, my black hen.
There was a crooked man, and he went a crooked mile,

And found a crooked sixpence against a crooked stile,

He bought a crooked cat, which caught a crooked mouse,

And they all lived together in a little crooked house.
Cobbler, cobbler, mend my shoe,
Give it a stitch and that will do.
Here's a nail, and there's a prod,
And now my shoe is well shod.
Three blind mice! See, how they run!
They all ran after the farmer's wife,
Who cut off their tails with the carving knife!
Did you ever see such a thing in your life?
Three blind mice!
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