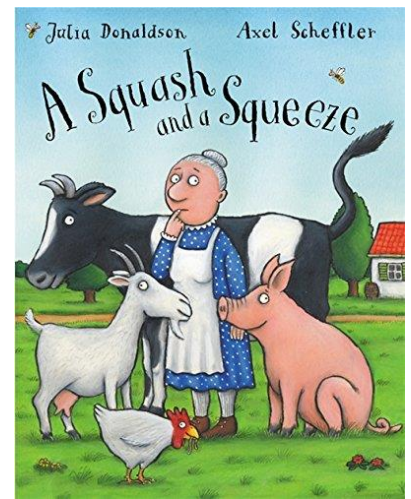


A Squash and a Squeeze

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- Have two jars, one labelled 'squash' and one labelled 'squeeze' and tell your child which is which. Give your child other bowls with pom poms, rice, lentils, cous cous, cotton wool, etc. and let him/her experiment! It's great just to let them play with scooping and pouring and see where it takes them! Lots of possibilities for language development!
- Make a lego house and act out the story with the characters (you could make your own characters/puppets)
- Make a list of the rhyming words in the story
- Listen to the words used for 'small.' Make a list of other words that mean small
- Fill rubber gloves with water and knot the top. Get the children to squeeze the gloves
- See how many stuffed toys you can squash and squeeze into a box
- Put some bath sponges and clothes in a bowl of soapy water and let the children squeeze the water out
- Make a paper plate cow or a cardboard tube cow (see pictures)

