

# Bookbug Session: A Good Place

Celebrate *A Good Place* by Lucy Cousins in this year's Bookbug Explorer Bag!

*Oh no! This is **not** a good place!*

Four insect friends are searching for somewhere to live, but will they ever find a home that's good enough for all of them?

## 1. Introduction song

### The Hello Song

#### **Benefits**

Familiar start – lets everyone know a Bookbug session has started.

#### **Tips**

Smile and use names if you know them. Clap or tap along to the beat and use signs if you know them.

## 2. Finger rhyme

### 1, 2, 3 My Mammy Caught a Flea

#### **Benefits**

This short Scots rhyme is great for actions such as shaking the salt and pepper then roasting and eating the flea.

#### **Tips**

Children will enjoy the humour in this rhyme, the Scots counting and the chance for discussion about what Mammy and Granny are doing with the flea!

## 3. Action song

### Five Little Ducks

#### **Benefits**

This is a lovely song with familiar actions. It also introduces the concept of counting down from five to zero.

#### **Tips**

Older children might like to take turns to be one of the five little ducks or the mummy/daddy duck. At the end of each verse, one 'little duck' can sit down, and the other children can count how many are left.

## 4. Transition song

### I wonder what's in my bag today?

#### **Benefits**

Builds anticipation and captures the attention of the children.

#### **Tips**

Use Bookbug to help engage the children in singing the song. Use Makaton to support different communication needs.

Sing the song to the tune of "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush":

*"I wonder what's in my bag today, bag today, bag today*

*I wonder what's in my bag today, come and take a look..."*

## 5. Puppet Song

### Incy Wincy Spider

**Benefits** Offer the spider finger puppet to a wee one to take care of while you share this song. It is brilliant to share with children of all ages, and sharing it slowly with clear actions makes it easy for everyone to join in.

#### **Tips**

Encourage older children to make a spider using their thumbs and first fingers to help develop their pincer grip and fine motor skills. Can they make their spider travel up and back down again?

## 6. Transition song

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Sing the song again, this time adding the final line:

*"at Bookbug's favourite book."*

## 7. Book

A Good Place by Lucy Cousins

### Benefits

This book is full of rich opportunities to talk about likes, dislikes and what makes a good habitat. It also sparks conversations about the types of creatures we can spot and look after even in our busy towns and cities. The repetition makes it brilliant for joining in.

### Tips

Leave space for wee ones to call out the repeated sentence and offer observations about what the humans could do to make places more suitable for each creature.

## 8. Lycra song

[Five Little Ducks](#)

### Benefits

Recycle your material! This time, share this song using the sparkly blanket and possibly some yellow shower puffs or balled-up socks to be the ducks.

### Tips

Children will enjoy returning to this song from earlier in the session and exploring it in a new way. Depending on numbers, can they take turns to remove the ducks from the sparkly blanket?

## 9. Final lycra song / calming song

[Swing Me Over the Water](#)

### Benefits

A short, soothing song to end Lycra play or share at quiet times, nap times or bedtime.

### Tips

You can share this when it's time to put the sparkly blanket away, gently swinging a teddy on it from side to side. Repeat it more quietly and wrap the teddy up to put the blanket away.

Why not sing it again when the lycra has been packed away? Gently rock your baby in your arms as you share quiet time together. Use the opportunity for face-to-face interaction. Older children might enjoy a cuddle or swinging a teddy in a smaller blanket.

## 10. Final Song

### The Goodbye Song

#### **Benefits**

Tells everyone the session is coming to an end.

#### **Tips**

Wave goodbye, smile and use names if you know them. If you know Makaton or use another sign system that supports speech, you can use that, too.