

Bookbug Session: Friday Facebook Session 1 May 2020

Activity type	Title	Benefits	Tips
Introduction song	Hello Song	Gets the room's attention and lets everyone know session has started.	Smile and make eye contact, sing hello to babies, children, everyone.
Familiar rhymes with actions	Round & Round The Garden Criss Cross Mum & Dad & Uncle John	Encourages physical touch, closeness and being face to face. Great for bonding! Strong rhyme and rhythm promotes language development.	Try on left & right hands & tummy! Vary the pace of the actions to match that of your speech. Children and adults can take turns on each other. Build anticipation by slowing down before exciting bits!
Transition song Familiar rhymes and songs with finger puppets	What is in my bag today? Insey Winsey Baa Baa	Gets attention, builds anticipation. Actions link words with meanings. Encourages fine motor and early numeracy skills.	Use the marker song to model how to build anticipation – show it in your face as well as in the words you sing.
Story	Paper Dolls by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Rebecca Cobb (Pan Macmillan)	Rhyme and repetition help understanding,	Try leaving a pause before the repeated phrases to allow joining in.
Transition song Action Songs	What is in my bag today? Horsey Horsey Wind the Bobbin Up	Encourages motor skills and joint attention. Actions highlight language concepts. Opportunity to have lots of fun!	Model good eye contact before pointing so babies can follow parent's gaze. Try singing faster/slower, louder/quieter.
Lullabies with finger puppets	What is in my bag today? Twinkle Twinkle Ally Bally	Signifies another change in tempo, slowing session down.	Model good eye contact. Older children can "rock their teddy".
Final Song	Goodbye Song	Tells everyone session about to end.	Wave and smile.