

Bookbug Session: Bookbug Picture Book Prize shortlist - **Brenda is a Sheep**

Activity type	Title	Benefits	Tips
Introduction song	The Hello Song	Lets everyone know they are welcome and the session has started!	Clap or tap along to the beat using names if you know them.
Familiar rhymes with finger puppets	Baa Baa Black Sheep Mary Had a Little Lamb Little Bo Peep	Familiar rhymes are great for participation. The strong rhyme and rhythm in these rhymes helps with remembering the words and boosts language development too.	Add some actions – use your fingers to count the bags of wool, you could even add a Makaton thank you sign.
Transition song	What is in my bag today?	Engages the audience and creates anticipation. Links objects with words and ideas, helping understanding.	Have finger puppets or soft animals relating to the book, or a woolly jumper in the bag! Can they guess what the book is about?
Story	Brenda is a Sheep by Morag Hood published by Pan Macmillan	This book is great fun, very engaging and can encourage lots of discussion. There is a real sense of “what will happen next?” which helps keep attention focused.	There are lots of extension activities that could follow on from the topics that come up in this story. E.g. try activities based on likes and dislikes, animal attributes, being accepted, appearances versus reality!
Familiar rhymes and songs actions	The Vegetable Song Five Fat Peas Shoogle Wooglie If You're Happy & You Know It	Songs and rhymes which can fit into routines are more likely to be done regularly. Active songs get everyone moving and energised, having fun and releasing happy hormones!	Encourage families to sing before meal and snack times. Have fun with all the actions. Build anticipation before the peas go pop! Try varying songs by changing the pace.
Final song	The Goodbye Song	This familiar song lets everyone know the session is over.	Thank everyone for joining in.

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