



Bookbug Session: Bookbug Picture Book Prize shortlist - **This is a Dog**

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
Transition song	I wonder what's 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 song/rhyme you are about to do. You could even have a noise maker in the bag (e.g. mooing for Old Macdonald)
Familiar rhymes and songs with finger puppets	Roon Aboot Moose Hey Diddle Diddle Old Macdonald	Face to face rhymes promote bonding as do cuddles and tickles. Symbolic noises (e.g. moo/woof) help with language development- they are often some of the first words babies attempt. They help with sentence building too - "cow moo". Best of all they are great to have fun with!	Babies love knowing what is coming next! Repeat several times and leave a gap building excitement before the tickles in "Roon Aboot". Older children can have a turn of tickling you too! In Old Macdonald, leave a gap so children can join in with the ee-i-o or with the animal noises, once they know the song.
Story	This is a Dog written & Illustrated by Ross Collins Published by Nosy Crow	Children love to spot when the dog is up to mischief. The text is sparse but there is so much to talk about on each page. It is unexpected so really engaging and lots of fun!	Younger children will enjoy seeing the animals and listening/making animal sounds. Older children (and adults) will love pointing out what the dog is up to & where the dog has "written" on the book. Leave plenty of gaps and opportunities for looking at the fun illustrations and commenting on them.
Transition song Action songs	Row Row Row Your Boat Five Little Ducks Little Peter Rabbit	Get everyone moving with "Row Row". Rich vocabulary is introduced alongside actions. Early counting skills are introduced in Five Little Ducks.	Babies can be rowed back and fore on laps and toddlers can sit on the floor rowing. Show the number of ducks reducing on your fingers at the start of each verse. Leave a gap for joining in with what mummy duck says! Have lots of fun with all the actions in Little Peter Rabbit
Final song	The Goodbye Song	This familiar song lets everyone know the session is over.	Thank everyone for joining in.

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