



Bookbug Session: Bookbug Picture Book Prize shortlist - **My First Book of Birds**

| Activity type | Title | Benefits | Tips |
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| Introduction song | The Hello Song | Lets everyone know they are welcome and the session has started! | Clap or tap along to the beat |
| Familiar songs with actions | Three Craws Two Little Dicky Birds Wise Old Owl | Introduces Scots words. Actions help with understanding. Early counting skills (counting up to 3) The strong rhyme and rhythm in these songs promote language development. | Have fun with lots of actions. Use your fingers to show the first, second and third crawl. Talk about birds flying away in winter to find warmth and coming back in summer like the Dicky Birds. Use gesture to show the wise owl listening and (not!) speaking. |
| 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 have the book in the bag and make some tweeting noises. Can they guess what the book is about? |
| Story | My First Book of Birds by Zoe Ingram Published by Walker Books | This book is great for all ages – older children can learn lots of facts and features and younger children can learn about colours, parts of birds and words to do with birds. It encourages observation and listening skills too. This book could spark off lots of extension activities. | Point out the colours and parts of the birds. Suggest families try to spot them when out. See if children can flap their wings and “fly” around the room with you. |
| Songs and rhymes with actions | There’s A Worm At The Bottom Of The Garden I Have A Little Spider Little Robin Redbreast | Great fun especially when wiggly fingers tickle! The spider rhyme can soothe and calm or can be fun and tickly. Closeness and tickles encourages parent-child bonding. | Do these face to face. Ask for suggestions of what birds like to eat. Get older children to make a wiggly worm with their finger. Babies will love seeing your wiggly finger. Play with the words and make different endings (he wiggles in the rain he wiggles in the sun, when he doesn’t wiggle he likes to have fun!) |
| Final song | The Goodbye Song | This familiar song lets everyone know the session is over. | Thank everyone for joining in. |

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Practitioners may read these books in full in online sessions but only in closed (not public) groups. They must not be shared or made available after the live reading. Publishers must be credited when reading aloud.

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