# Bookbug Session: All Kinds of Families

A fun Bookbug session to celebrate *All Kinds of Families* by Sophy Henn, one of the fabulous books in our Bookbug Explorer Bag for 2022! This session is all about children and grown-ups sharing special times together and, of course, incorporating some fun animal songs and sounds to accompany the book.

## Introduction song

### [The Hello Song](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/songs-and-rhymes/the-hello-song)

#### Benefits

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

#### Tips

Smile and use names if you know them.

## Transition song

### [If You’re Happy and You Know It](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/songs-and-rhymes/if-youre-happy-and-you-know-it-makaton)

**B**enefits

A familiar song which will help grown-ups to feel confident joining in straight away. Starts the session on a bright, positive note!

#### Tips

You can repeat this song with different actions – stamp your feet, shake your head, say yippee. Be creative and add actions that you think your group will enjoy!

## Familiar rhyme

### [Mum and Dad and Uncle John](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/songs-and-rhymes/mum-and-dad-and-uncle-john)

#### Benefits

The steady beat and strong rhythm of this rhyme is great for supporting children’s pre-literacy skills. Children will love the anticipation at the end.

#### Tips

Babies and toddlers might like to be bounced on a grown-up’s lap, whilst bigger toddlers and pre-schoolers will enjoy trotting around like ponies!

## Active rhyme

### [Ickle Ockle, Bluebottle](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/songs-and-rhymes/ickle-ockle-blue-bottle)

B**enefits**

A simple rhyme celebrating fun and friendship which works best with grown-up and child or a little one and their friend.

**Ti**ps

Repeat but with different words e.g. ‘if you want a cuddly friend’, ‘if you want a tickly friend’.

## Song with actions

### [A Leopard Has Lots of Spots](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/songs-and-rhymes/a-leopard-has-lots-of-spots)

#### Benefits

A lovely short song with lots of opportunity for touch and tickles. Anticipation promotes eye contact and shared laughter.

#### Tips

Let parents know that this song can easily be incorporated into baby’s routine, perhaps during nappy changing or while they’re lying in a crib. Toddlers might like to try the actions on a grown-up or their teddy, whilst pre-schoolers might like to move and sound like a leopard.

## Book

## *All Kinds of Families* by Sophy Henn

**Be**nefits

Celebrate diverse families with this adorable picture book, with every page full of colour and life. There’s lots to learn as it’s packed with interesting facts about the different animal families you might find in the wild.

#### Tips

*All Kinds of Families* is a very interactive book – the pictures and facts give the chance for children to share their views. Why not ask what their favourite animal is or what noise they might make?

## Active song

### [Old MacDonald](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/songs-and-rhymes/old-macdonald)

#### Benefits

Another familiar song which both children and grown-ups will feel confident to join in with straight away. Animal sounds are great for speech development and encourage lots of laughter.

#### Tips

Change the usual farm animals to the creatures from *All Kinds of Families*!

## Lullabies / calming song

### [Ally Bally](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/songs-and-rhymes/ally-bally)

#### Benefits

A familiar Scots song which is soothing and relaxing. Plenty of opportunities for cuddles promotes bonding between children and their grown-ups.

#### Tips

Encourage parents to get face to face with little ones. Repeat the song again but this time quietly to end the session on a nice calm note.

## Last song

### [The Goodbye Song](https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/songs-and-rhymes/the-goodbye-song)

#### Benefits

Brings the session to a clear end.

#### Tips

Thank all of the children and grown-ups for coming. Give them any information they need about the next session.

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