

Madison Public Library's

Storytime Starters

Sheep

Books for Toddlers:

Counting Ovejas by Sarah Weeks, © 2006. (CPC, Weeks)

Maria Had a Little Llama = María tenía una llamita by Angela Dominguez, © 2013.
(SPANISH, Dominguez)

Mary Had a Little Lamb by Sarah Josepha Hale, photo-illustrated by Bruce McMillan,
© 1990. (RHYMES, Hale)

One Little Lamb by Elaine Greenstein, © 2004. (NATURE, Greenstein)

Sheep Asleep by Gloria Rothstein, © 2003. (CONCEPTS, Rothstein)

Where Is the Green Sheep? by Mem Fox, © 2004. (CONCEPTS, Fox)

Books for Preschoolers:

Animals on the Farm: Sheep by Megan Kopp, © 2013. (NATURE, 636.3 Kopp)

Charlie Needs a Cloak by Tomie dePaola, © 1973. (CPC, DePaola)

From Sheep to Sweater by Robin Nelson, © 2003. (746.4320432 Nelson)

Little Lamb, Have You Any Wool? by Isabel Minhós Martins, © 2011. (RHYMES, Martins)

The 108th Sheep by Ayano Imai, © 2006. (STORIES, Imai)

Pablo in the Snow by Teri Sloat, © 2017. (ANIMALS, Sloat)

The Sheep Who Hatched an Egg by Gemma Merino, © 2017. (ANIMALS, Merino)

School-Age Extension:

Betsy Red Hoodie by Gail Carson Levine, © 2010. (FOLK, Levine)

The Sheep in Wolf's Clothing by Helen Lester, © 2007. (GROWING, Lester)



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Fingerplays & Songs :

The Lamb Went

The lamb went ...

Around the cow in the corn

(trace circle on palm)

Under the haystack

(go under the hand)

Up the hill and down the hill

(go up the arm and down the arm)

Over the fence

(go above the hand)

Through the door

(slide hands and clap)

And was back in time to meet the
teacher. *(trace circle in palm)*

(From:

<https://storytimekatie.com/2011/03/03/sheep/>)

Five Little Sheep

(Tune: "Five Little Ducks")

Five little sheep on a warm spring day

Climbed the green, grassy hill to play.

Mama sheep warned them not to roam,

But only four little sheep came home.

Repeat, counting down.

"Baaaaa!" brings them back

(From:

<http://www.sclibrary.ab.ca/kids/storytimethemes/sheep.htm>)

Little Bo Peep

Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep

And doesn't know where to find them.

Leave them alone

And they'll come home

Bringing their tails behind them.

-Traditional Nursery Rhyme

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Counting Lambs

(Count on your fingers.)

One little wooly lamb with a coat so new,

Along comes another lamb, and that makes two.

Two little wooly lambs roaming so free,
Along comes another lamb, and that makes three.

Three little wooly lambs by the barn door,

Along comes another lamb, and that makes four.

Four little wooly lambs so glad to be alive,

Along comes another lamb, and that makes five.

Five little wooly lambs having so much fun,

Together now, let's count them one by one.

1-2-3-4-5.

(From:

<http://www.preschooexpress.com/the-me-station08/lambs-apr08.shtml>)

Oh, I Wish I Were a Wooly Little Lamb

Tune: "If You're Happy and You Know It"

Oh, I wish I were a wooly little lamb,

Oh, I wish I were a wooly little lamb.

I would run and dance and play

In the pasture every day.

Oh, I wish I were a wooly little lamb!

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STAFF ONLY

Big Book: Woolly Sheep and Hungry Goats

Flannel Boards: Little Boy Blue, Five White & Fluffy Sheep, A ___ Got Up Upon the Bus

Prop Stories: Old MacDonald (finger puppets)

Movies: Charlie Needs a Cloak (DVD, 8 minutes)

Stamps: lower case /s/, Sheep (HPB), Sheep (MAD-YS)

Craft: Color the sheep then use cotton balls to give it texture. Encourage the children to experiment with how they use the cotton balls (gluing them down whole vs. pulling them apart, for example). Making a hand print sheep is another option. (Adults can help kids trace their hands (4 fingers = sheep's legs), then kids can draw the sheep's head and body.

Play Literacy: Show the children the lamb puppet. Sing "Mary Had a Little Lamb" (book included in the kit) with the puppet.

Early Learning Tip: Did you know that there are three times as many "rare" words in books than in everyday conversation? Instead of skipping over those "hard" words or paraphrasing them, read them to your child!



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