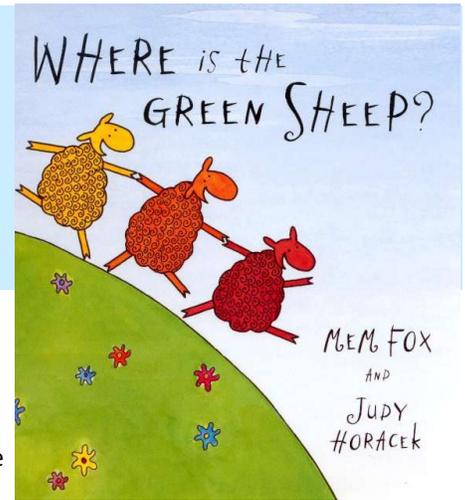


Pre-K Essential Literature

Where is the Green Sheep?

By Mem Fox and Judy Horacek



- Use different size balls, make predictions of which ball will make it to the bottom first.
- Use a stuffed animal and a ball. Ask the children which will make it to the bottom first? Why?
- On the cover the yellow, orange, and red sheep are skipping down the hill. Where are they going?
- The green sheep is asleep at the end when they find him? I wonder what made him tired?
- What are some other things a sheep can do like a human? Make a list
- Play hide and seek. Discuss where you would hide if you could
- Discuss opposites and act them out. Thin, wide, up, down
- Draw what you would do in the rain. Tell a story to go with your picture.

Baa Baa Measurement

- Using measurement allows children to learn about length, weight, and area. In the story children are able to see the sheep in various capacities in terms of measurement.
- Give the children a cotton ball and a pipe cleaner. Allow them to feel and look at each item carefully. Next take the pipe cleaner and make circle swing. Then take cotton balls in order to see how many will fit in a shape.

Green Sheep Puppet– Art

- Give the children a blank copy of a sheep. Provide the children with 2 paint trays. In each tray have two different green colors with 2 different cars. Have the children to mix the cars in the paint and run them over the sheep sheet in order to paint the sheep.
- Give students a copy of a blank sheep. Next give cotton balls and allow them to glue cotton balls on the sheep.

Hiding Sheep (SEL)

- Sometimes we hide for fun and sometimes not. Discuss with children when it is okay to hide and not.
- If someone hid from you and you couldn't find them how would you feel? Would it scare you and cause to cry or make you mad that you had to search? Discuss feelings when doing things with others. Do you think the green sheep meant to hide from friends?
- Discuss times with children when you want to be alone. What was the reason and why? Draw a picture to show.

Sheep All Around (Science)

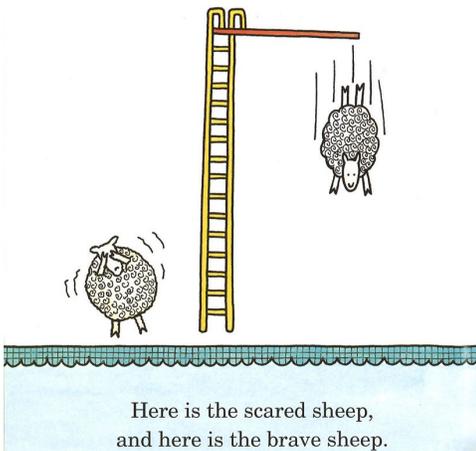
Sheep are living things and animals we see on a farm. Make a circle map of other places you see sheep and what they need to stay alive. List ways sheep are helpful to use and what we get from them.

Looking beyond the cover: *Where is the Green Sheep*

About the Author

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More Interactive Read Alouds

Interactive read alouds are amazing for emerging, reluctant and non-readers. The music, call and response, repetition, simplicity and other techniques empower children to read these books even before they can really read. They are outstanding for story time.

For close reading, ask children to describe what happens to the green sheep once he wakes up? What is his reaction to all the fun he missed while he slept? How do they know?

Here's a list of some of our favorite interactive read alouds:

Jump, Frog, Jump! By Robert Kalan

Yo! Yes? By Chris Raschka

Down by the Cool of the Pool by Tony Mitton

Go Away Big Green Monster by Ed Emberley

Press Here by Herve Tullet

Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock by Eric Kimmell

Check it out!

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Possum Magic

Baby Bedtime

Good Night Sleep Tight

Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes

