

**Story of the week: "If I had a Sheep" by Mick Inkpen.**

*Macmillan Children's Books, Great Britain, 1988.*

- This little book takes your child on a journey of imagination and fun. A little girl talks about all things she would do if she had a sheep: brush her, teach her to count, build her a rocket, go shopping, etc. The pictures are delightful and the vocabulary and concepts covered in the book will keep you and your child busy for many, many days.
- Choose a page and concept that interests your child in the book and develop an experience around that concept to explore for the next few days. One of concepts in the book is about rockets and flying to the moon. Take your child outside and show him the moon and the stars. Sing "Twinkle Little Star" and recite the nursery rhyme "Hey Diddle Diddle". You have taught both of these to your child earlier in the year. If your child has any toy rockets, get them out and fly them around the house. Let your imagination flow and teach your child all the language and concepts that come up as you explore.

**Song of the week: "Open Shut Them"**

Words: "Open shut them, open shut them. Give a little clap. Open shut them, open shut them. Lay them in your lap. Creep them, creep them. Creep them, creep them, Right up to your chin. Open up your smiling mouth, But do not let them in."

- The actions that go with this song are quite fun for your child. Open and close your hands with palms facing out near your face. Clap them and lay them in your lap. During the creeping verse, use your fingers to slowly creep up your chest and the sides of your neck until almost reaching your mouth. Sing the last line very quickly, with much excitement, and pull your fingers away from your mouth at the last second.

★ **TIP:** *Let your child help you in routine activities such as cleaning house, laundry and preparing meals.*

