Where is the Green Sheep? is a book based in rhythm, rhyme and repetition which is exactly what young children find enjoyable in books.

The vocabulary used in this story is rather simple but you can still find a variety of learning opportunities. All the sheep found along the way can be paired. There is a blue sheep and a red sheep, a bath sheep and a bed sheep. You can use these pairs to talk to your child about things that are similar. “What other colors of sheep could there be? Are there table and couch sheep?” Talking about things that are similar and things that are opposites will expand your child’s vocabulary. Don’t forget to talk about all the things your child sees in the pictures.

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Beyond the Book

One way you can help increase your child’s vocabulary is by narrating your day, saying what you are doing during the activity, or you can say what your child is doing. You can mimic the rhythm of this book while doing laundry. “Here is a red shirt and here is a blue shirt. Here is a long sock and here is a short sock. But where is the green shirt?” Doing this, you are exposing your child to lots of language! Leave time for your child to respond, even if you cannot understand what he or she is saying.

Remember the song “One of These Things (Is Not Like the Others).” Gather some toys or other objects from around the house. See if your child can identify the object that doesn’t belong.

One of these things is not like the others, Did you guess which thing was not like the others?
One of these things just doesn’t belong, Did you guess which thing just doesn’t belong?
Can you tell which thing is not like the others? If you guessed this one is not like the others,
By the time I finish my song? Then you’re absolutely...right!
More Rhymes and Jokes with Sheep

Where do sheep get shorn?
At the baa baas!

Why did Bo Peep lose her sheep?
She had a crook with her!

Mary Had A Little Lamb

Mary had a little lamb,
little lamb,
little lamb. Mary had a little lamb,
Its fleece was white as snow.

Everywhere that Mary went,
Mary went, Mary went.
Everywhere that Mary went, The lamb was sure to go.

It followed her to school one day, school one day, It followed her to school one day, Which was against the rules.

It made the children laugh and play, laugh and play, It made the children laugh and play, To see a lamb at school.

What do you call a sheep with no legs or head?
A cloud!

Baa Baa Black Sheep
(with extra verses)

Baa baa, Black Sheep, Have you any wool?

Yes sir, yes sir, Three bags full:

One for my master, One for my dame, And one for the little boy That lives in the lane!

Baa, Baa, white sheep, have you any wool?

Yes sir, yes sir - three bags full:

One for the master, one for the dame, And one for the little boy that lives down the lane.

Baa, Baa, striped sheep, have you any wool? No sir, no sir - No bags full:

None for the master, none for the dame, And none for the little boy that lives down the lane.

Striped sheep, why sheep, have you no more wool? Oh sir, because sir - *pause* I’m a zebra!