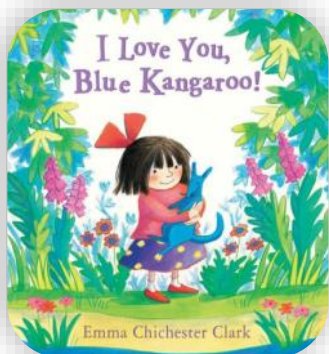


# Lockdown Tales Activities



## I Love You, Blue Kangaroo!

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### Songs and sounds we can find in stories

Some important bits of this Blue Kangaroo story take place during the night.

You might think that night is a quiet time, and it's true, but there are some songs and sounds that we only hear at night.

Can you think of any?

**Lullabies** are **bedtime songs** to send babies, young children and their favourite soft toys to sleep. They usually have a **gentle rocking rhythm**, making you sway like you are holding a baby in your arms.

Did your grown-up sing you lullabies when you were small?  
Maybe you listened to them on a playlist or CD. Can you think of any lullabies now?

Here are some examples to help you:

*Go to sleepy little baby  
Go to sleepy little baby  
When you wake  
We'll patty patty cake  
And ride a shiny little pony*

*Hush A Bye Baby on the tree top  
When the wind blows the cradle will rock  
When the bough breaks the cradle will fall  
Down come baby, cradle and all*

The words might be a little different from the versions you know, because a little like folktales, these songs are handed down over the years and changed by each person as they go.

Can you make up a **lullaby** for **Blue Kangaroo** or your own favourite cuddly animal? You only need a few different notes to rock them to sleep.

You can start with these words, or make up your own (which would be even better!).

4/4 *I/ love you **Blue-Kan -ga/ roo-oo/ My  
ve-ry own kanga-roo-oo-oo  
Sleep tight till morning light/ I  
love you blue kanga roo-oo-oo***

You might like to make up a faster more lively **waking up song** too with words like

*Wake up, sleepy head  
Open your eyes, jump out of bed  
Wash your face, brush your teeth  
Get dressed...*

Can you continue the list and keep singing all the other things Blue Kangaroo or your favourite animal needs to do in the morning?

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### Name patterns: movements and sounds

Now let's find some daytime noises.

**Repeat** the **names** of the animals in the story **clearly** and **rhythmically** several times. Say them with expression according to who they are. Say them **quietly**, a bit **louder** and **VERY LOUD**. Then decide which way suits the animal best. Should tiny teddy be loud or quiet?

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### Becoming the animals

You'll need two people for this– one to act the animal and one to make the sounds.

**Blue Kangaroo** – take big long jumps, saying 'Kanga-**ROO!**' so you land on **ROO!** (a drum or cardboard box and a wooden spoon could accompany the jumps)

**Wild Brown Bear** – shake your paws, show your teeth (shake dried beans, buttons, or pasta in a tin)

**Yellow Cotton Rabbit** – make a quick movement, stop, twitch whiskers and repeat (for the sound, drum fingers fast on a table)

**Two Furry Puppies** – rolling, tumbling, playing (vocal woofs and squeals)

**Wiggly Crocodile** – wiggly movements but moving slowly. On a signal, open your arms wide and **SNAP** them shut.

**Long Eared Owl** – sit up straight and only move your head when you hear something (tapping sound). Move and be still again, waiting for the owl sound 'WHOOO!'

**Tiny Teddy** – little running steps (tapping a tin). On a signal, sit on your bottom, pretending to be out of breath. When the tapping starts again, go back to running with little steps.

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These are just some ideas. What **other objects** at home can you find, that **make interesting sounds**? What about different sized flower pots, glasses with different amounts of water in them, scrumpling paper, shaking keys, or tapping teaspoons? There must be lots more.

And don't forget **body sounds** like **tapping your chest**, stamping your feet, clapping your hands, or clicking your fingers.

At school, you can decide on **which instruments** you think **suit each animal** best. A music corner can be a good place to try things out and explore different sounds.

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