



Activity Ideas for Bookbug's Big Giggle

If you'd like to get involved with Bookbug Week but are not sure where to start, we've put together some ideas for easy activities you can do in your library or early years setting. We'd love to hear about your events so please let us know how you got on by sharing your ideas and photos on Facebook!

- Have a giggle-a-thon! Try some funny songs or rhymes and really exaggerate the actions – 'Little Green Frog' and 'Five Cheeky Monkeys' work well for this, but you could also add in your own silly verses to ones such as 'If You're Happy and You Know it'! Older children might enjoy telling jokes or pulling funny faces – if you go first and aren't afraid to look silly they will relax and find it even more fun.
- Tickle! Try using some tactile and tickly things such as feathers, soft fluffy fabrics or even Bookbug to add a sensory element – this would work especially well for babies or some children with additional needs. Try tickly songs and rhymes like 'Round and Round the Garden' or 'Cross, Cross, Line, Line', or find more in our Song and Rhyme Library launching in Bookbug Week.
- Read some funny stories together – we've got ideas in our booklists about [funny books](#), [more funny books](#), [monkeys and bananas](#), [bottoms and pants](#) and [getting the giggles](#).
- Wear the tiger mask to nursery / your Bookbug Session / special event. We'll soon have a version of the tiger mask to download that children can colour in or decorate. You can also download a picture of Bookbug to colour in together.
- Mix things up – children love to spot when something is not quite right so try accidentally making the wrong animal noises during 'Old MacDonald had a Farm', or make some pictures of animals with the head or feet of another one.
- Make a story quilt. Ask children to draw funny faces, animals or creatures on squares and then tape them all together to make a special story blanket. The pictures could be from one of the [funny stories](#) you're read together, the tiger from the mask, Bookbug or the children drawing themselves pulling a silly face. Try our booklists about the [giggles](#) (great for younger children) or [monkeys and bananas](#) for some ideas for stories to get you started. You could also try this as a collage for a wall.
- Dance around! Adults love dancing around the living room and toddlers do too! Try some of the instrumental tracks such as Fits O' Giggles on the [Bookbug Baby CD](#), Stompin Mokum on the [Toddler CD](#) or the Sailor's Hornpipe or Plain Jamaica Rag on the [Explorer CD](#) to get the little ones moving around.