



## **How can we make Bookbug Sessions welcoming? Film Transcript**

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It's really, really important to make your families feel welcome, and when they come to your Bookbug Sessions. Wear your t-shirt so that they know who the session leader is.

Introduce yourself. Greet them, welcome them, get to know their names, get to know the child's names, even include them in your sessions in whatever way you can. Whether it's through the songs that you use or the rhymes that you use, think about how you can include them and make them feel welcome and feel part of it. Most of all, use the Bookbug doll and make sure that that Bookbug doll is your baby for that entire session so that the families that are attending can follow and mimic the movements for the rhymes and the songs that you're doing during the session.

Of course, it's not just the Bookbug Session Leader's sole responsibility to create this welcoming environment for our Bookbug families. It's also our colleagues' as well. So it's important that your Bookbug Sessions are well advertised and that your colleagues know that these sessions are going on; If there's any latecomers, where the buggies should go, where the session's being held, so that they can be taken to that session to join in.

Encourage them to stay after the Bookbug session. Encourage them to borrow books. Encourage them to sit and chat.

Don't just usher them out the door because it's a very, very social experience for the families as well as for the children, and all that, it just helps families feel welcomed and feel part of the Bookbug sessions.