This book tells a story of the wild rollicking search for a missing sheep. It uses wonderful rhyming and rhythmic text coupled with funny illustrations.

This book won the Children’s Book of the Year - Early Childhood in 2005. This award is presented by the Children’s Book Council of Australia.

Rhymes to sing:

*Baa Baa Black Sheep

*Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

*Hey Diddle Diddle

*The Grand Old Duke of York

*Rain Rain Go Away

*It’s Raining it’s Pouring

*Wee Willie Winkie

*Rainbow Song

Books to read:

*I Went Walking
Sue Williams

*Time for Bed
Mem Fox

*Russell the Sheep
Rob Scotton

*Pete the Sheep
Jackie French

*Elmer’s Colours
David McKee

*Eric Carle’s Opposites
Eric Carle
**Things to do:**

* Talk about the opposites in the book with your students. Create an ‘Opposite Book’ filled with drawings by the children. You could photocopy this and send it home so everyone has an Opposite Book!

* Decorate paper sheep using collage. Allow children to create a sheep in their favourite colour - not just green!

* Use a potato to create sheep stamps. Children can then create a pattern using their sheep: red sheep, blue sheep, red sheep...

* Visit an animal farm and allow the children to feel the sheep. How does fleece turn into yarn? Research the process.

* Make a class collage. Children can place their sheep on the collage and describe its location. Encourage the use of descriptive words.

* Have a class sheep that children can take home for a night/weekend. Where does your sheep go? Children could document the sheep’s journey in a journal or by digital photos.

* Look at Mem Fox’s website for notes for teachers about her other books. It also has a lovely short video which shows the Green Sheep having a real live adventure:  

  www.memfox.com/green-sheep-secrets.html

* Look at the artist’s website for her description of how the book was made.


(Please note that Judy is a cartoonist for adults as well as producing children’s books so the content is across these ages.)