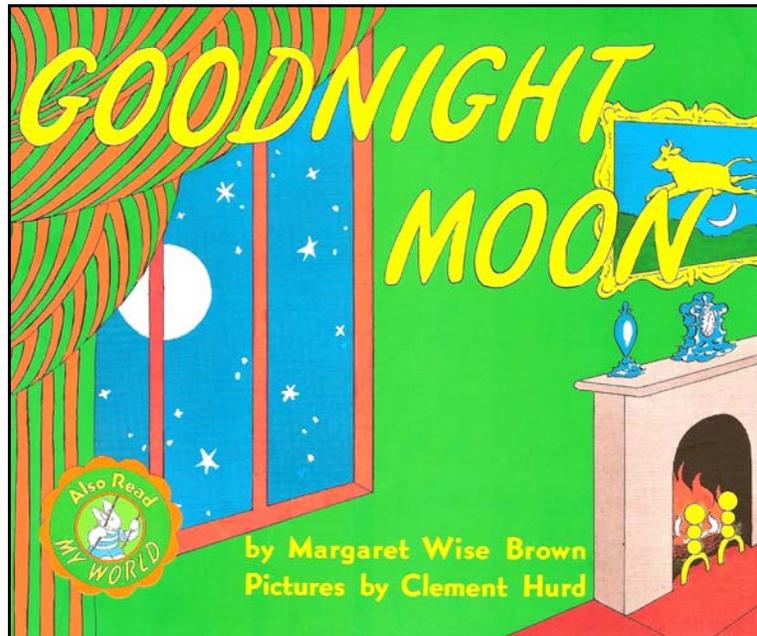
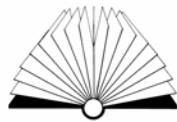


Books in the Home Program



Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown



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Books in the Home Kits

This *Books in the Home* kit was developed to supplement the NWT Literacy Council's *Books in the Home* program. It is one in a series of *Books in the Home* kits that you can download from the NWT Literacy Council website at www.nwt.literacy.ca. You are welcome to photocopy and use the activities in your programs, or adapt them to your needs.

Books in the Home kits to date:

- ✓ Introduction and Session One
- ✓ Carry Me Momma
- ✓ Good Night Baby Bear
- ✓ If You Give a Moose a Muffin
- ✓ Kumak's House
- ✓ Polar Babies
- ✓ Said the Raven
- ✓ Snow Let's Go
- ✓ Turnagain Ptarmigan
- ✓ Love You Forever
- ✓ The Moccasin Goalie
- ✓ Goodnight Moon
- ✓ The Bear on the Bed

You will find more activities on our website. Download them and use them at home or in your program.

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The Books in the Home Program

The NWT *Books in the Home* program is similar to other programs used widely in Canada. It is based on the belief that parents are children's first and most important teachers. Parents learn to read and share books with their children in positive and enjoyable ways. It promotes reading and writing of both parents and children.

Children need to read, write, talk and listen to become literate. They also need to have fun and share their ideas with their parents. Parents who have gone through this program have noticed a remarkable change in their relationship with their children.

You can do this program over several weeks. By providing childcare on-site, parents and children can meet separately and then come together to do joint activities. Each week, parents study a children's book and take the book home. They can ask questions about the book and do a craft related to it. As well, parents write a journal outlining goals for the week. At the end of the session, they spend time reading the new book with their children.

Objectives

- ✓ To create a supportive and encouraging learning environment for parents
- ✓ To provide parents with tools to help their children with reading and writing in the home
- ✓ To help parents prepare their children for school or help them with homework
- ✓ To promote life-long learning in parents and children

Benefits

- ✓ Reading and writing become a part of everyday family life
- ✓ Relationships in families are enriched through spending time with one another reading
- ✓ Parents often become more interested in their own reading and may want to continue in adult education
- ✓ Stronger communication in families is developed
- ✓ Children learn to love reading and writing



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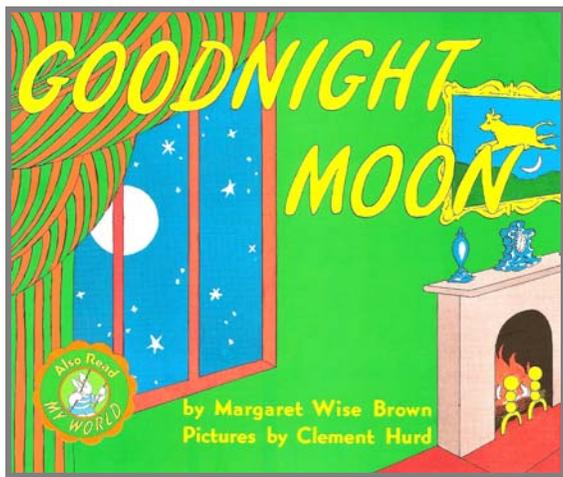
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About the Author

Margaret Wise Brown

Margaret Wise Brown wrote hundreds of books and stories during her life. She is best known for *Goodnight Moon* and *Runaway Bunny*. Even though she died over 45 years ago, her books still sell very well.



Margaret loved animals. Most of her books have animals as characters in the story. She liked to write books that had a rhythm to them.

Sometimes she would put a hard word into the story or poem. She thought this made children think harder when they are reading.

She wrote all the time. She said she dreamed stories and then had to write them down in the morning before she forgot them. She tried to write the way children wanted to hear a story, which often isn't the same way an adult would tell a story.

Margaret died after surgery for a burst appendix while in France. She had many friends who still miss her. They say she was a creative genius who made a room come to life with her excitement. Margaret saw herself as something else - a writer of songs and nonsense.



What You Will Need for This Session

- ✓ A copy of Goodnight Moon for each family
- ✓ Journals or loose leaf paper for parents journaling
- ✓ Copies of The Three Little Kittens rhyme
- ✓ Copies of Tips for Doing Readers Theatre
- ✓ Copies of the Literacy Action Plan
- ✓ Copies of My Reading Record
- ✓ Copies of the Home Activities
 - Two Colouring Pages
 - Two Rhymes
 - Fun with Numbers
 - Two Mazes
 - Connect the Dots
 - Word Scramble
 - Rhyming Match
 - Did You Know?
 - Animal Flash Cards and Games
 - The Star Story
 - Creating Peace
 - Crafts: Peace Stars
 - Peace Star Mobile
 - A Goodnight Book



Overview of this Session

Introductions

- ✓ **Introduce Newcomers**
 - If there are new people at the session be sure to do introductions before beginning the warm up activity.

- ✓ **Warm Up Activity:**
 - Begin the session with an activity to get people warmed up.

- ✓ **Expectations**
 - Ask parents what their expectations of the session are. Write the responses on a sheet of flip chart paper or white board. Try to meet the expectations.

- ✓ **Group Agreements**
 - Group agreements help make the sessions run more smoothly. At the first session, as a group, you should make a list of things that everyone agrees to. For example to be on time; to listen when others are talking; and to give an equal chance for everyone to participate. Review the agreements every few weeks. Ask if there are any agreements that need to be added or deleted.

Brainstorming and Discussion

- ✓ **Review the past week**

Ask:

 - What literacy activities did you do at home last week?
 - Did you follow your action plan?
 - How did it go?

- ✓ **Oral language development**
 - Brainstorm ways of reading with children that helps the children become more engaged in the story. Write the ideas on a flip chart.
 - Introduce the idea of Readers Theatre. Explain what it is, how it's done and why we do it.
 - Hand out the Tips for Reader's Theatre page and the Three Little Kittens rhyme. Practice the rhyme.

