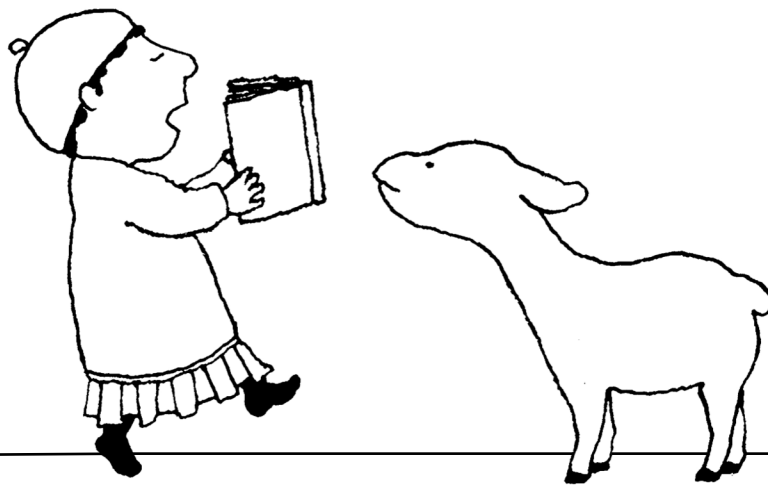


Story Hour Kit

for **Brookie and Her Lamb**



Inspired by the picture book **Brookie and Her Lamb** by M.B. Goffstein
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Brookie and Her Lamb: Story Hour Kit

About the Book

Brookie and Her Lamb

By M.B. Goffstein

Published by The New York Review

Children's Collection

ISBN-13: 9781681375458

(c)1967, renewed 1995 M.B. Goffstein

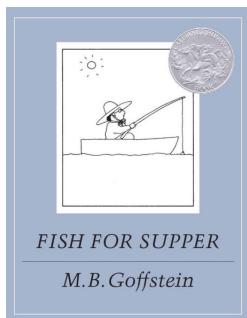
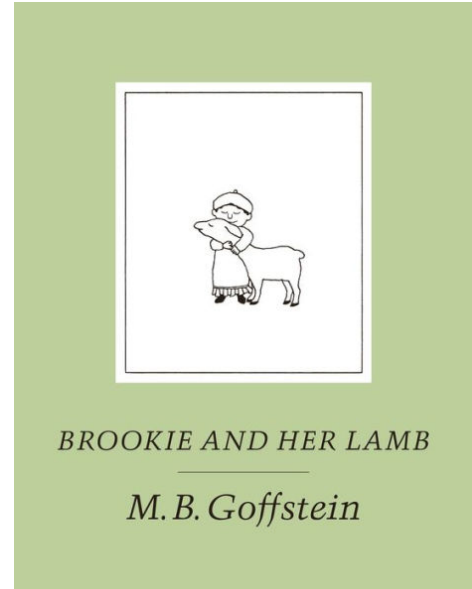
Age Range: 3 years and older

Now back in print! A classic tale of reciprocated love between a little girl and her lamb, this tiny picture book is as memorable as the nursery rhyme about another little lamb and a girl named Mary. Brookie wants to teach her lamb to sing, but all he sings is Baa, baa, baa; she tries to teach him to read, but all he can read is Baa, baa, baa. A bit discouraged, but undeterred, Brookie takes her lamb for a head-clearing walk. She gazes at the lamb grazing, and a smile returns to her face. Back at home, she reconsiders her lesson plan and arrives at a creative solution, a happy ending for both lamb and girl. An ideal read-aloud for young children, this is a tender tale of mutual love and appreciation and a lasting achievement in storytelling and illustration.

“These deft and lovely and authentic and resonant little books of Brooke's are timely and timeless works... They're important books, perfectly done.” —Sandra Boynton

“Using poetic tellings accompanied by whimsical pictures, Goffstein reveals basic truths. . . . Each Goffstein book is small and fits comfortably in the hand. . . . Their simplicity is their strength. . . . M. B. Goffstein is one of the finest illustrators/writers of our time.” —*The Washington Post*

“M. B. Goffstein is one of the few 'originals' in children's literature.” —*The New York Times*



Also Back in Print

Fish for Supper

ISBN-13: 9781681375465

(c)1976, renewed 2004 M.B. Goffstein

Selected as a Caldecott Honor Book in 1977, and now back in print for the first time in a decade, this is a charming picture book about a grandmother and her simple, idyllic daily routine.

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About M.B. Goffstein & the Reissues

M.B. Goffstein's books are back after several decades of being lost to readers. The New York Review Children's Collection has lovingly republished *Brookie and Her Lamb* and the Caldecott-honored *Fish for Supper*.

Why reissue these books? Listen in on editor Susan Barba's conversation with Betsy Bird (A Fuse #8 Production) about the brilliance of M.B. Goffstein.

"[M.B.] Brooke's work is unusual in that it's so strongly imbued with her sensibility, which makes you feel as if you know her — not because her work is autobiographical (though *Fish for Supper* is) but because she found the right art form, the right structure and patterning, to distill her life experience, her sense of the world. What's remarkable is how she managed to compress an entire philosophy into a single line — or two lines rather, the line of the drawing and the line of the text. **Simplicity, humor, compassion, self-reliance but also care, curiosity and pleasure.** We tend to think of frugality as a negative trait, as the opposite of generosity, but Brooke's work demonstrates the possibility of a generous frugality, a paradoxically pleasurable parsimoniousness, a concentration of purpose and feeling whose generosity comes from its being shared with the reader. Her books provide models for a sustainable, and sustaining, life."



About the Story Hour Kit

At approximately 5" x 7", these wee picture books are perfect for the intimacy of a one-on-one read aloud, a child's hands, or online story time screens. To engage your readers in your space or online, we have provided a series of activities drawing on the most engaging elements of the story: the love of Lamb, the kindness and ingenuity of Brookie, and the power of singing and reading together.

Brookie's Lamb: Paper Stuffie (Pages 5-6)

With the offered two-sheet cut-out, a glue stick, and a tissue, readers can make themselves a lamb to love. With the two parts of the lamb cut-out partially glued together, a tissue can be slid into lamb's belly. With the rest of him sealed with a spot of glue, his "woolen" belly is quite squeezable.



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A Book for Lamb (Pages 7-8)

In the first part of the picture book, Brookie teaches her lamb how to read, but "all he could read was Baa baa baa." Brookie, though, is not deterred. She returns later in the story with Book for Lambs, a volume whose words all read, "Baa baa baa." With this paper craft, your readers can create a wee book for Lamb. With blank pages to fill, they can tell a new story with words or pictures. Those words can be in their language or the lovely language of *Baa baa baa*.

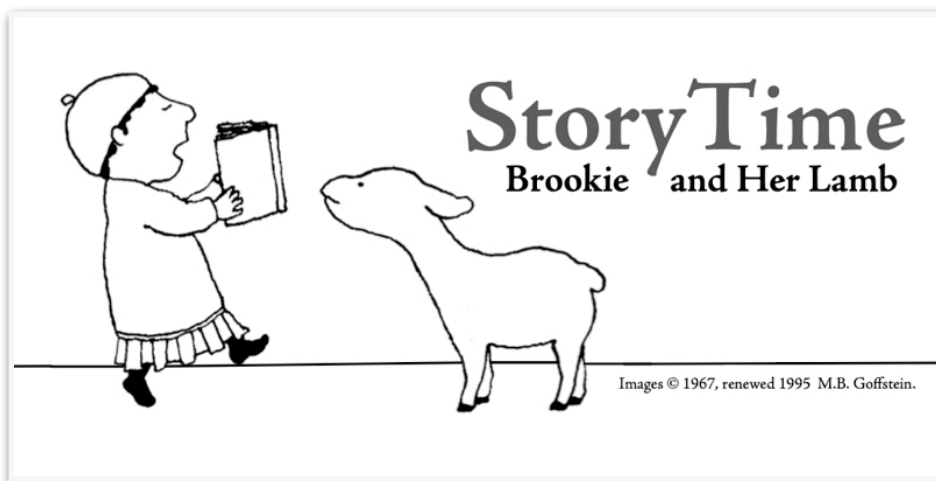


Songs for Lamb (Page 9)

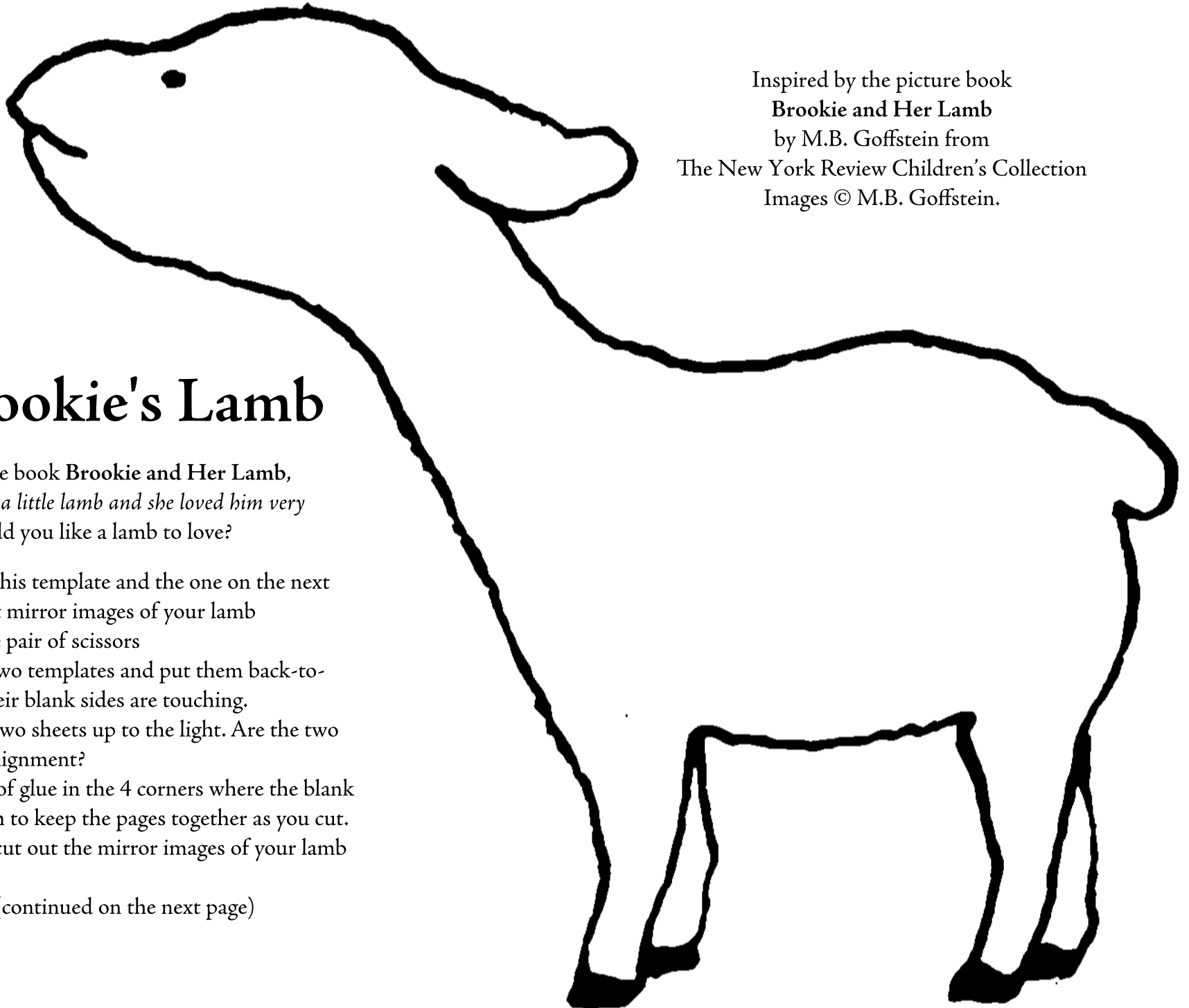
Similarly, Brookie teaches Lamb to sing, but all he can sing is, "Baa baa baa." She, of course, finds a music book with songs that all have "Baa baa baa" as the lyrics. A reproducible 1/4 sheet invites readers to replace the lyrics of *Row, Row, Row Your Boat*, *If You're Happy and You Know It* or another favorite with "baa." Invite your readers to sing and just try not to laugh along with them!

Story Hour Sharing (Page 10)

This kit also contains a Story Time 8.5" x 11" poster. Look for a downloadable .jpg to include in your own design by searching "Brookie" at CuriousCityDPW.com. The font used is Adobe Jensen Pro. There is also this web-ready image available at CuriousCityDPW.com:



Consider sharing images of your event or read aloud with the hashtag #BrookieandherLamb.



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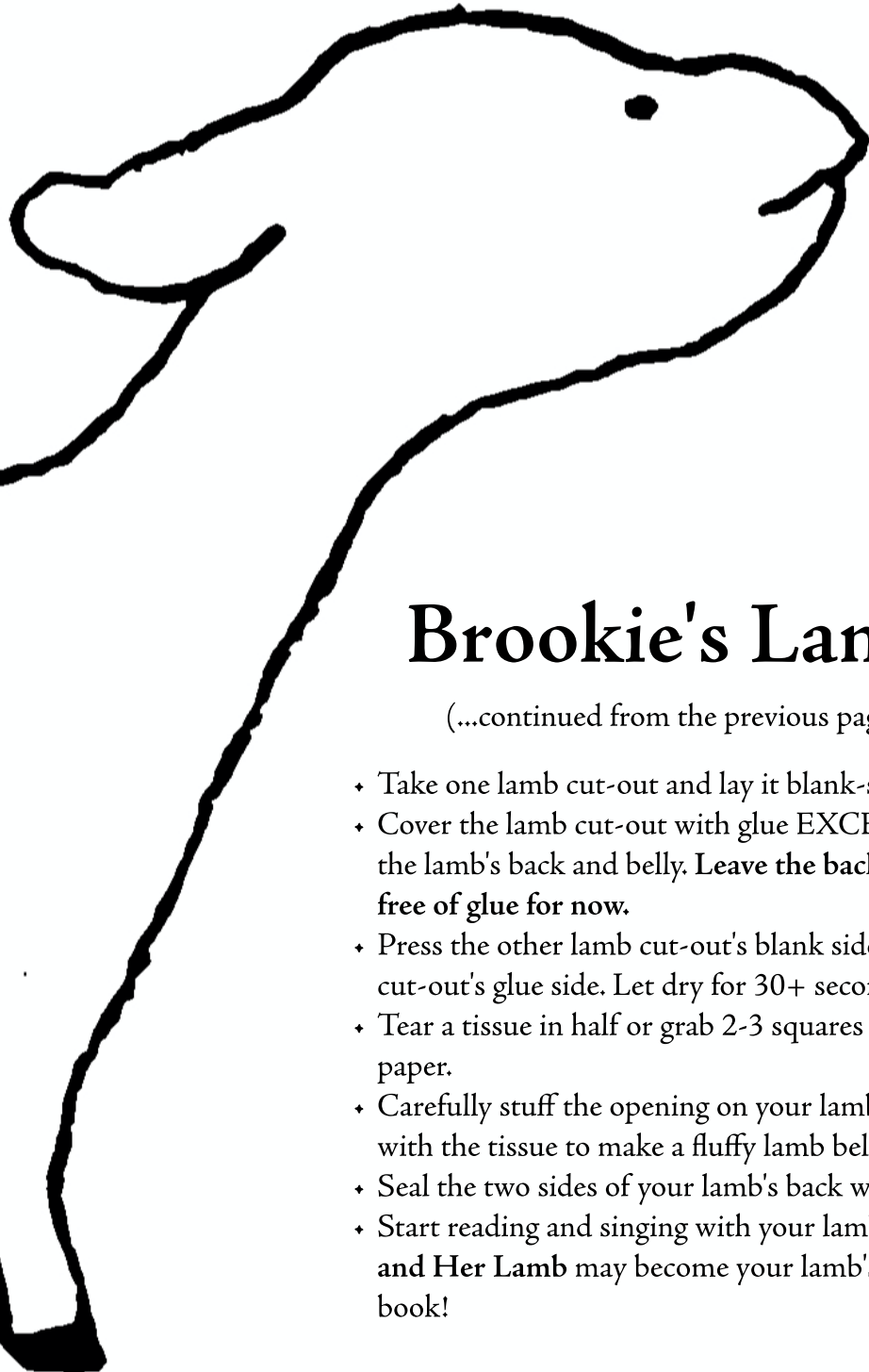
Brookie's Lamb

In the picture book **Brookie and Her Lamb**,
*"Brookie had a little lamb and she loved him very
much."* Would you like a lamb to love?

- ✦ Print out this template and the one on the next page to get mirror images of your lamb
- ✦ Find a safe pair of scissors
- ✦ Take the two templates and put them back-to-back so their blank sides are touching.
- ✦ Hold the two sheets up to the light. Are the two lambs in alignment?
- ✦ Put a dab of glue in the 4 corners where the blank sides touch to keep the pages together as you cut.
- ✦ Carefully cut out the mirror images of your lamb

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- ✦ Take one lamb cut-out and lay it blank-side up
- ✦ Cover the lamb cut-out with glue EXCEPT FOR the lamb's back and belly. Leave the back and belly free of glue for now.
- ✦ Press the other lamb cut-out's blank side to this cut-out's glue side. Let dry for 30+ seconds.
- ✦ Tear a tissue in half or grab 2-3 squares of toilet paper.
- ✦ Carefully stuff the opening on your lamb's back with the tissue to make a fluffy lamb belly.
- ✦ Seal the two sides of your lamb's back with glue.
- ✦ Start reading and singing with your lamb! **Brookie and Her Lamb** may become your lamb's favorite book!

Baa Baa Baa

A Book for Lamb

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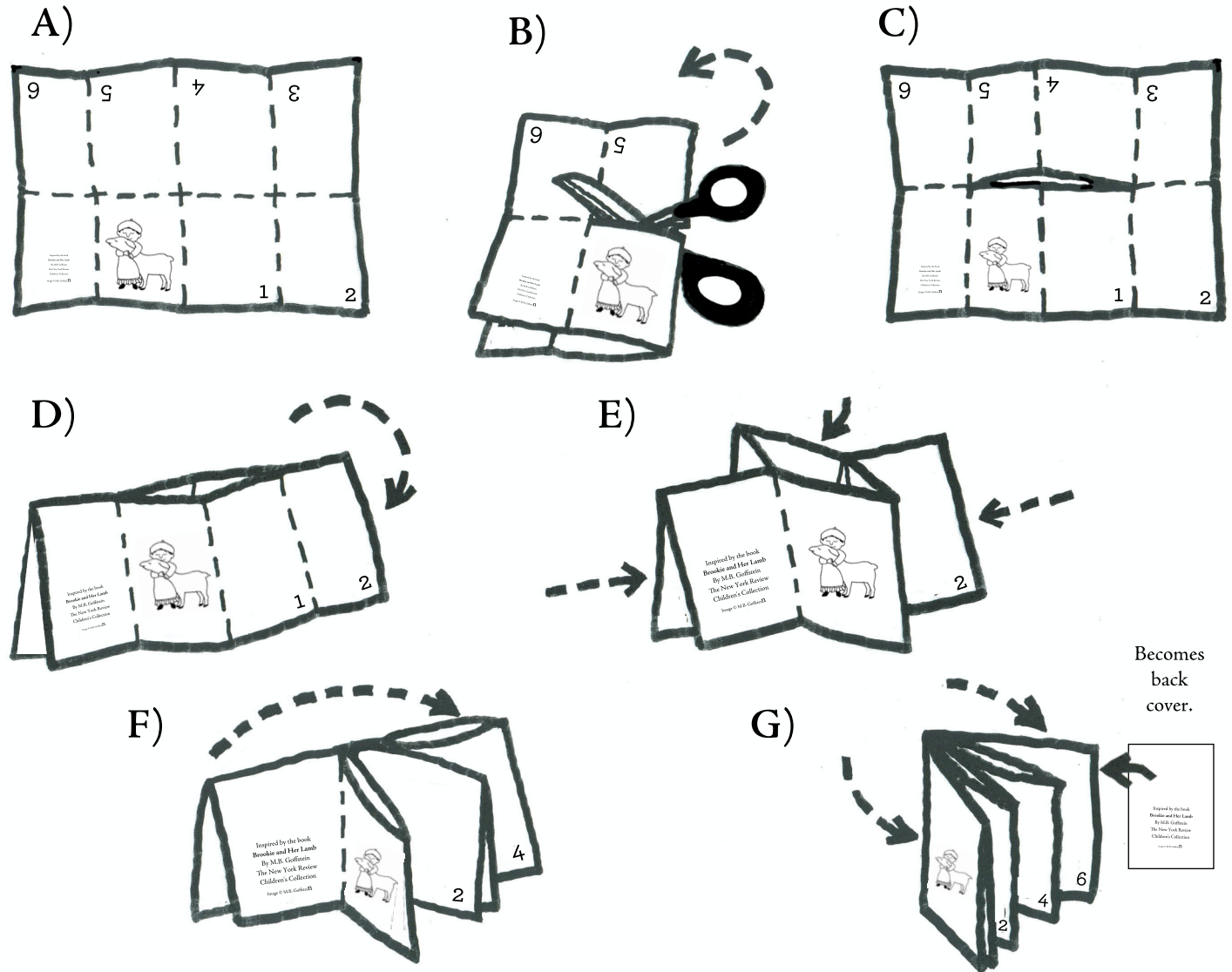
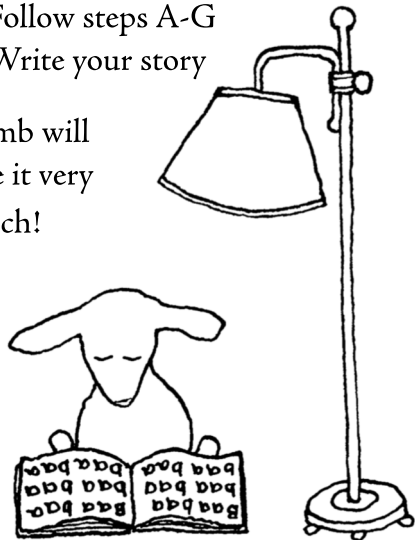
Brookie is not deterred.

"She made the lamb a cozy place where he could sit and read, and all his books said Baa baa baa so he liked them very much."

Can you make a wee book for Lamb? It can tell a new story with words or pictures. Those words can be your language or in the language of Baa baa baa.

- Print out the template found on the next page
- Find a safe pair of scissors
- Follow steps A-G
- Write your story

Lamb will like it very much!



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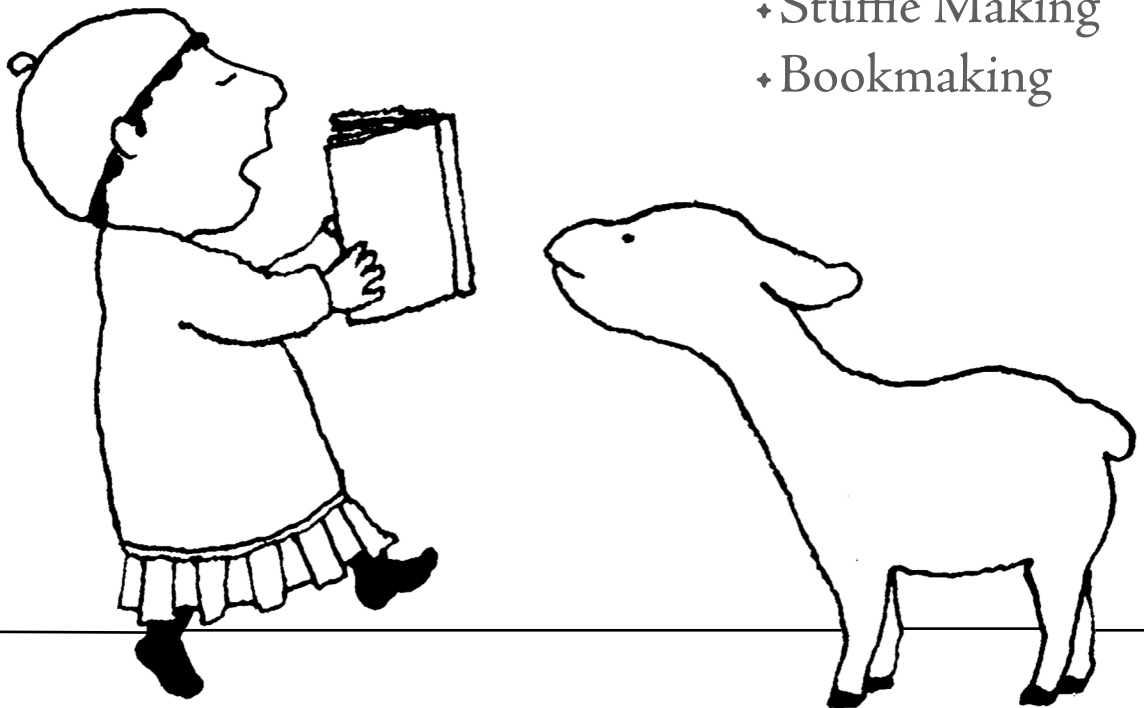


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