

HOW TO PLAY THE SHEEP SALE GAME

(note: this activity follows the lesson sheep breeds)

What better way to learn about different breeds than to role-play a farmer starting a flock? Each child or team (depending on the size of your class) receives a buyer profile. They pretend to be from that farm, and have come to the sale to buy a flock of sheep.

There are no absolute right answers. Just like in real life, more than one breed may be suitable for a given farm.

Step 1: assign the buyer profiles, allow groups to discuss among themselves.

Step 2: Hand out Sheep Bucks. A flock of 10 sheep of the same breed (1 ram, 9 ewes) cost 100 Sheep Bucks.

Step 3: Show a breed photo– who wants to buy this flock?

--Ask buyer to read their buyer profile out loud and explain why they want this breed.

--If two buyers want the same breed, ask one to wait till later in the sale– reinforces the fact that more than breed can be suitable

HAVE FUN– ENCOURAGE DISCUSSION!