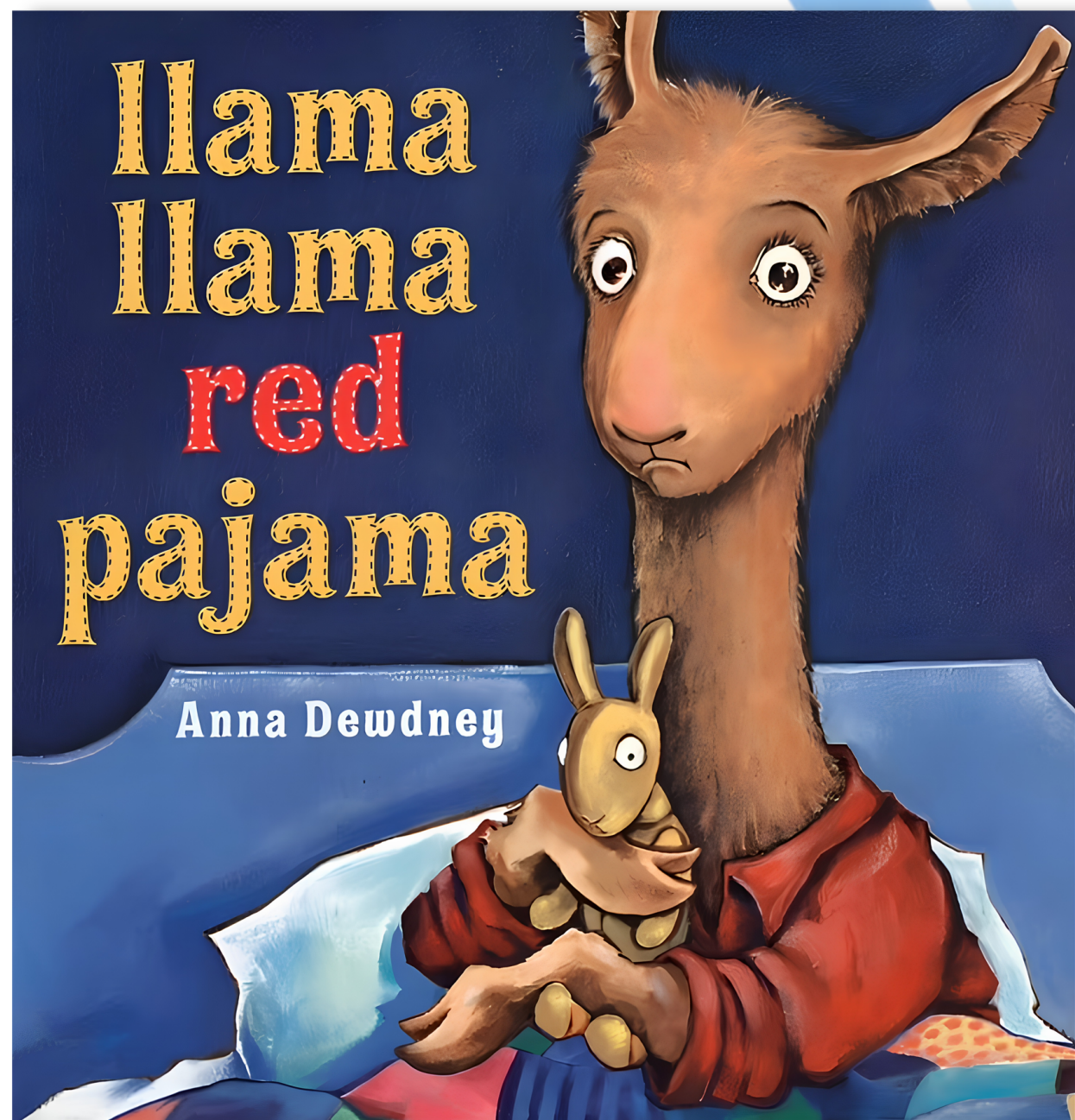


FAMILY BOOK CONNECTIONS

BOOK BRIDGES



Llama, Llama Red Pajama

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Summary of Llama, Llama Red Pajama

Llama, Llama Red Pajama is a story about Baby Llama getting ready for bed while Mama Llama helps tuck him in. Mama Llama leaves the room, and Baby Llama begins to worry and calls for her. He becomes more and more upset as his emotions start to build until Mama comes back to comfort him. This story helps children understand emotions, patience, and the love families share.

Read Alouds

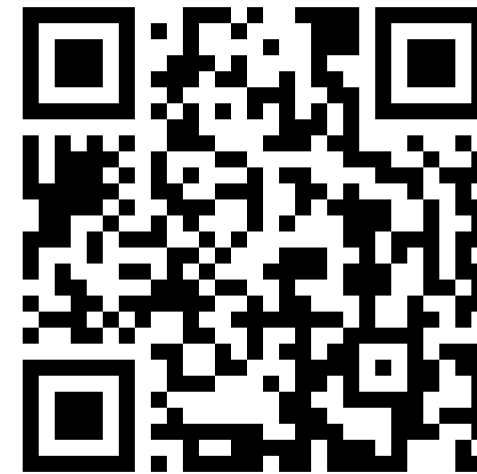


[English Youtube
Read-Aloud](#)

About the Author and Illustrator

Anna Dewdney is an American author and illustrator. *Llama, Llama Red Pajama* is the first book she wrote and illustrated. She then went on to write numerous other books in the *Llama, Llama* series, all of which have been *New York Times* bestsellers. Her books often focus on childhood feelings and everyday experiences in a comforting, relatable way. In addition to being an author and illustrator, she was a teacher, mother, and passionate supporter of reading aloud to children.

Learn More



[Anna Dewdney](#)

Questions to Ask Before, During, and After Reading

Talking about a story before, during, and after reading helps children think deeply, make connections, and build a love of reading.



Before Reading

- Look at the title and cover. What animal do you think this story is about? What clues helped you decide?
- How do you feel when it is time for bed? What do you usually wear?
- What do you do before bed, and in what order? Which part is your favorite?



During Reading

- Is Baby Llama happy or sad? What details show how Baby Llama feels?
- Where do you think Mama Llama is going? What do you think Baby Llama wants?
- What do you think will happen next? What clues helped you decide?



After Reading

- How did Baby Llama feel at the end? What details helped you know?
- Who helped Baby Llama feel better, and what did they do?
- What helps you when you feel scared or sad? Did you like the story? Why or why not?

Extending the Book with Additional Reading

To go along with the fiction book, *Llama, Llama Red Pajama*, you can also read a nonfiction book about llamas with your child. Your child can learn where llamas live, what they eat, and how they help people.

Connecting a nonfiction book about llamas to this fiction story helps children learn real facts while comparing them to the character in the book.



Read About Real Llamas

Read a nonfiction book or watch a read aloud about llamas. This helps children connect the story character to facts about real animals.



[Llamas Nonfiction Read-Aloud](#)



Keep Reading the Series

Llama, Llama Red Pajama is part of a larger series. Families can keep reading more *Llama Llama* books together and notice how the character handles everyday feelings and routines.

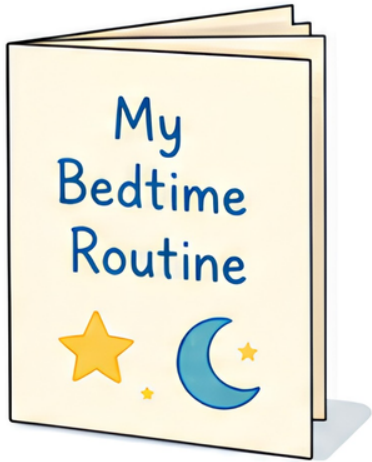


Talk About These Questions

- How is Baby Llama like a real Llama?
- How is Baby Llama different from a real Llama?
- What new facts did you learn about llamas?

Extending the Book with Writing

For this activity, you can make a booklet with paper you have at home, or feel free to use a booklet template. You will also need a pencil, crayons, colored pencils, or markers.



★ Activity: Bedtime Routine Booklet

Have your child make a bedtime routine booklet with your help. On each page, the child can draw and label a step in their bedtime routine.

Examples

putting on pajamas, brushing teeth, reading a book, turning off lights, going to sleep

- 1



Think about the steps in your bedtime routine.
- 2



Draw and label one step on each page.
- 3



Use words and pictures to show each step.
- 4



Reread the Bedtime Routine Booklet each night.

Extending the Book with Math

Have your child gather bedtime items, such as stuffed animals, books, pillows, blankets, and other things they use before bed. This builds both counting and comparing skills.

Count and Compare Bedtime Items



- How many stuffed animals do you have?
- How many books do you have?
- How many pillows do you have?
- If we add two books to what we already have, how many would we have now?
- Do you have more stuffed animals or pillows?

This activity helps children practice counting, adding, and comparing.

Extending the Book with Science

For this activity, your child can test what helps them sleep. You can talk about healthy sleep habits with your child and test what makes the room feel best for bedtime and going to sleep.

1

Light



Bright or dim? Try both and talk about which one helps you feel ready for sleep.

2

Sound



Quiet or noisy? Notice what kind of room helps your body relax the most.

3

Comfort



Warm blanket or no blanket? Think about what helps your body feel calm and cozy.



Discuss Together

- Which bedtime condition felt best for you?
- How did your body feel when the room was calm and comfortable?
- Why do darkness, quiet, and comfort help our bodies rest?

Darkness, quiet, and comfort can help our bodies rest to their fullest.

Extending the Book with Social Studies

For this activity, families can talk with their child about family routines, caring relationships, and the people in their community who help others feel safe and supported.



Family Routines and Responsibilities

Talk about what family members do at bedtime, such as reading stories, brushing teeth, or cleaning up toys. Compare your family's routines to Baby Llama's family.



Feelings and Relationships

Discuss how families help one another feel safe and loved. Talk about ways family members show care when someone feels sad or scared.



Communities and Helpers

Talk about helpers who care for children and families, such as parents, teachers, doctors, and babysitters. Explain how they help people feel safe.



Talk Together

- How is your bedtime routine like Baby Llama's routine?
- What do family members do to help each other feel safe?
- Who are helpers in our community, and how do they care for people?



You may also use a Venn diagram or a 3-column template to organize your ideas.

Extending the Book with Art

For this activity, you will create a paper plate llama with your child.

Materials

- paper plate
- cotton balls
- glue
- pencil
- markers



Display Your Art

Talk about your llama craft and share what part was your favorite to make.

Paper Plate Llama Craft

1



Use a pencil to draw the outline of Baby Llama on the plate. You can draw just the face or the face and body.

2



Use markers to add facial details and color.

3



Glue on cotton balls to make soft Llama fur.

4



Sign and date the finished artwork. Hang it on the fridge!





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