

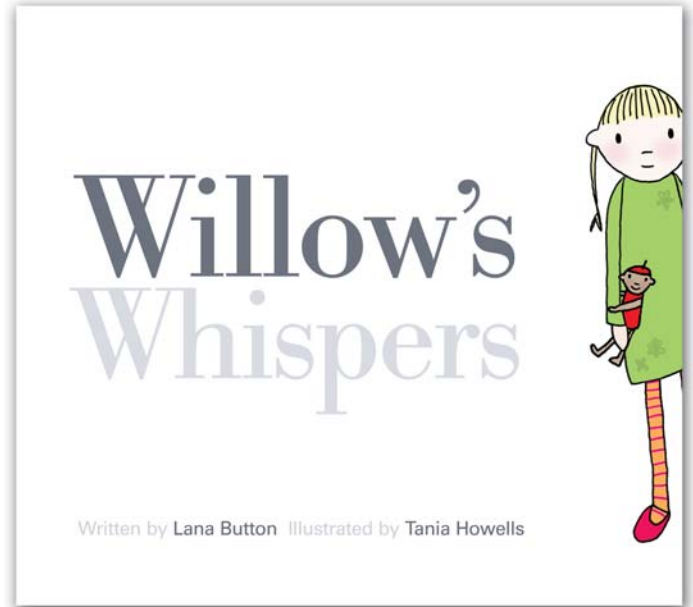
Storytime Suggestions for *Willow's Whispers*

Storytime Props

Make storytime more creative by including props to encourage group participation, emphasize important scenes in the story and get into character. Don't forget to store all your props in a bin for next time.

You might include

- little dolls
- apple juice box
- paper roll decorated with glitter and markers (magic microphone)
- crayons



Activity Materials

- colored markers and crayons
- regular or glitter glue stick
- scissors
- photocopies of the "Make Your Own Magic Microphone" activity

Before Storytime

Ask your group what it means to be shy. What makes people feel shy? How do people act when they are feeling shy? Ask your group if any of them have ever felt shy.

After Storytime

Ask your group the following questions:

1. At the beginning of the story, Willow is shy and speaks very quietly. How does Willow feel when her teacher and friends can't hear her? How does the microphone help Willow speak louder? Why could Willow still speak "loud and clear" even after her magic microphone was crunched?

2. Ask everyone in your group to quietly whisper his or her name. Then ask each person to repeat his or her name again—this time "loud and clear"!

Keep the fun going with the "Make Your Own Magic Microphone" activity on page two.



Make Your Own Magic Microphone

Feeling shy? Make your own magic microphone and find your BIG voice.

Step 1: Decorate your magic microphone using crayons, bits of paper or glitter.

Step 2: Cut it out along the dotted lines.

Step 3: Add glue to the striped edge, roll up and press the striped edge to the paper.

