

WHEELS ON THE BUS

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Bus Driver 1: Welcome Bus Drivers in Training! I'm bus driver Martha and we are so excited to have you here to learn how to drive our bus. Now before we begin, I have a few messages for our experienced bus drivers in the room. First of all, please know that the training program will last about 45 minutes. In your utility tote, there are tools we will need throughout the training. Our Trainees will likely need your help to locate the right object as it is needed. It is terrific for our young trainees to interact with our bus and any folks we might meet along the way in whatever way feels right to them. We only ask that if you hear us say "Time to go back to your Driver's Seat" that you help your young trainee find their way back to their seats. Now, sit back, buckle your seat belt and ENJOY THE RIDE.

Here comes the bus!

Bus is brought on by Driver 2 and 3

Bus Driver 1: Sing along if you know the words and do the movements with me!

The wheels on the bus go round and round
Round and round
Round and round
The wheels on the bus go round and round
All through the town

The wipers on the bus go Swish, swish, swish
Swish, swish, swish
Swish, swish, swish
The wipers on the bus go Swish, swish, swish
All through the town

The horn on the bus goes Beep, beep, beep
Beep, beep, beep
Beep, beep, beep
The horn on the bus goes Beep, beep, beep
All through the town

The doors on the bus go open and shut
Open and shut
Open and shut
The doors on the bus go open and shut
All through the town

The lights on the bus go on and off....

Bus Driver 2: Alright Bus Drivers in Training, I am here to welcome you to your first day of Bus Driver Training School. Today you will learn how to drive a bus and you will meet some of the folks who might get on the bus. My name is Lou and I'll be guiding you on this journey. First things first..Driving Lesson #1

Bus Driver 3 brings out an instruction card that has a circle, a square and a triangle.

Bus Driver 3:What do we need to drive our bus? We need a thingamajigi. The thing that makes us turn....

Right! We need a steering wheel, but what shape is a steering wheel?

What shape is this? Oh...a SQUARE! Let's see if that will work

Actor 2 brings out a Square steering wheel. He traces the shape with his finger.

Bus Driver 2: This shape has four sides...it's a SQUARE! Let's try it

He tries to use it...it's not right, this is FUNNY

That doesn't seem right.

Bus Driver 3: Maybe it's this one (*She points to the triangle*) What shape is this? Oh...a TRIANGLE! Let's see if that is right.

Actor 1 brings out a TRIANGLE steering wheel. She traces the shape with her finger.

Bus Driver 1: This shape has three sides...it is a TRIANGLE. Let's give it a try.

She tries to use it...it's not right, this should also be funny

That doesn't seem right.

She goes back to the board and studies it...

Bus Driver 3: It's not the square, it's not the triangle...it must be the CIRCLE (*Hopefully the audience will help with this word*)

Bus Driver 2 brings out a very large circular steering wheel.

This steering wheel is ROUND because it is a CIRCLE.

(she traces the shape with her finger)

The circle works!

Trainees, do you have a CIRCLE Steering wheel in your utility kit?

Audience finds their steering wheel.

Alrighty, we've got our steering wheel, Let's get into our driving positions

Bus Driver 1 Brings out a sign with arrows that point right and left.

Bus Driver 1: As we drive, we will steer the wheel to the right and to the left.

(Back and forth a few times)(Actor 2 pointing to the sign, as she demonstrates on her steering wheel)

Can we all try to steer right and left? Let's all go to the right (*note: make sure we lean our bodies as we steer*). And now to the left. (x3 getting bigger each time)

Excellent. It's time for our practice drive.

Actor 3 brings out a poster that has the "practice route" on it. There are A LOT of turns on the practice route. Actor 2 also brings out a small toy bus.

Bus Driver 2: Alright trainees, here is your chance to drive our practice route. Get your steering wheels ready! Driving positions! And GO!! (Adlib with bus) And park!

SONG Driving Music Starts

Everyone drives by steering the wheel right and left. As they drive, Actor 2 drives the path with the little bus as if everyone is driving along the path.

Excellent Driving Everyone!! Go ahead and put your steering wheels back in your tool kits. Now, we can't forget about the People on our bus. As we drive, they will sometimes go UP and DOWN (*Actor 1 points to the arrows from the previous poster*). It's important that we as drivers learn empathy for our passengers. Empathy is when we understand and share other's feelings.

Bus Driver 3: Like when I see my friends crying it makes me feel sad.

Bus Driver 1: Or what about when my passengers are extra smiley and it makes me feel happy!

Bus Driver 2: Exactly! Let's practice our empathy by understanding what the people on the bus feel when they go up and down. Everybody stand up right where you are and try it with me. Sing the people on the bus go up and down with me.

We go up and down in a silly way as we sing the song.

Nicely done Trainees...I think we are ready to go out into our community and meet some of the people who might take the bus. Now sit back and get ready. Here we go!

Actor 3 exits to change into Baker at some point early in the song.

CLOSE THE DOORS, HIT THE GAS
NOW WE'RE GROOVING AND WE'RE MOVING FAST
AND WE'RE WAVING OUT THE WINDOW
AT THE CITY AS WE'RE DRIVING PAST
WE'RE BOUNCING ALONG
SINGING A BUS DRIVING SONG

OH YEAH, WE'RE DRIVING THROUGH TOWN
YES, WE ARE DRIVING AROUND
AND WE ARE BOUNCING UP AND DOWN
AS WE'RE DRIVING A BUS THROUGH TOWN

(CHORUS CAN BE REPEATED, IF DESIRED)

OVER THERE! SEE THE SIGN!
THE FIRST STOP ON OUR TRANSIT LINE
I WONDER IF THERE'S ANYBODY THERE WHO NEEDS A RIDE
IT'S A SIGN THAT SAYS THIS IS "BAKER STREET"
I KNOW A BAKER HERE WHO MAKES TASTY TREATS
LET'S STOP THE BUS SO THEY CAN CLIMB INSIDE

Bus Driver 1: Next Stop...Baker Street. Trainees, before we meet our first passenger, can you return to your driving seats?