The Sheep Pig

One fine morning, a farmer named Mr Hoggett visited his local county fair. Mr Hoggett had twinkling hazel eyes and a face like beaten leather. While walking around the stalls, he heard a strange noise, strange because it was so loud and piercing. Turning around in surprise, he saw a small piglet who was the prize in a contest. Mr Hoggett never won anything, but guessed the weight of the pig anyway. Later that night, he won!

When he got back to his farm, he left his prize pig ‘Babe’ in the care of Fly, the sheepdog, who raised him like her own and taught him everything she knew. Fly taught Babe that sheep were foolish animals, foolish because they sat around eating grass all day. Although Babe respected Fly, he quickly changed his mind when Ma, a poorly old sheep, came to live in the barn. Babe and Ma became firm friends. As Babe was so polite to the sheep, they were happy to do whatever he said! They much preferred his manners to Fly’s barking and commands! Unable to believe his luck, Farmer Hoggett used Babe for most of the farm work.

Everything was fine until one day something terrible happened! Two vicious, bloodthirsty dogs with sharp, dagger-like teeth broke into the farm and attacked the sheep. Babe heard their cries and tried to save them, but unfortunately, he was too late. The sheep were dead! Things got worse when Farmer Hoggett arrived. Babe was standing over the sheep with his head hung miserably, so Farmer Hogget thought he was responsible. He decided that Babe must die!

Luckily, in the nick of time, Farmer Hoggett found out about the dangerous dogs and realised that Babe was innocent.

Babe continued to prove his brilliance when he won the sheep dog trials with a perfect score due to his excellent communication with the sheep. After that, they all returned to the farm where they lived happily together for many years.

The End