Sharing: assembly script

At a glance

Story: The First Frost **For:** Reception and Key Stage 1 (ages 4–7) **Time:** 10–15 mins
You need: the PowerPoint. The same script is in its speaker notes. You don't need any props.
Links: Relationships and health education (primary): caring friendships; respectful, kind relationships. EYFS Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Building Relationships.

1. Welcome	Welcome, everybody. Today's assembly is about sharing. We're going to hear a story from Thistledown Lane called "The First Frost".
2. Think about it	Ask: What do you like to share? What is hard to share? Let a few children answer honestly. Say: sharing can be hard! Let's see what happens on a very cold day on the lane.
3. The story, part 1	Read: One morning, Thistledown Lane was all white and sparkly. It was the first frost. "It means winter's on its way," said Bramble.
4. The story, part 2	Read: Everybody was getting ready for winter. Sorrel had a thick winter coat. Moss had a seed store. Lilly had buried her acorns.
5. The story, part 3	Read: Bramble was hungry all the time! She went home to Mam. Mam said hedgehogs sleep for most of the winter. To sleep that long, a hedgehog needs to be nice and round.
6. The story, part 4	Read: That evening, Old Wren's cousins came. They wanted to sleep in a little hole in the old wall. But it was hard and chilly in there.
7. The story, part 5	Read: So the friends brought soft things. Lilly brought moss. Moss brought thistledown. Bramble brought dry leaves. Sorrel brought some of his old summer fur.
8. The story, part 6	Read: Then all the little wrens squeezed into the hole to keep warm. "Squeeze in, squeeze up!" "Thank you for sharing," said Old Wren.

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9. Talk together	Give children half a minute with a partner for each question, then take a few answers. 1. How did the friends get ready for winter in different ways? Listen for: a thick coat, a seed store, buried acorns, eating lots. 2. What did they bring for the wrens' hole? Listen for: moss, thistledown, dry leaves and old summer fur. 3. How did sharing make it better for everybody? Listen for: the little hole was soft and warm, and the wrens kept each other warm too.
10. Have a go	Sitting down, tuck your elbows in and make yourself as small as a little wren. Say together: "Squeeze in, squeeze up!"
11. Remember	Read it together, slowly. Ask the children to say it back to you.
12. Quiet moment	Invite everybody to sit still, close their eyes if they would like to, and think quietly for half a minute. You can add your own school's prayer or reflection here.
13. This week	Set the challenge for the week. Share something, or share your time, with somebody. You could ask in your next assembly who had a go.
14. Goodbye	Say goodbye. If you have time, watch the whole episode free at https://thistledownlane.co.uk/episode-the-first-frost (no adverts, no sign-in and no tracking).

The lesson

Everybody gets ready in their own way, and sharing makes it easier for all of us.

If you have longer

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