“MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB” IN PICTURE WRITING AND SIGNS

Mary — little girl

Meaning: Adult and female child

First sign meaning: Woman, when drawing a female have her wearing a skirt to show gender and when signing show the sign for woman.

Touch top of head with palm and “pet” head down the side and swoop out to show a curl in hair as picture shows on head (s).

Second sign meaning: Little

Show the size with your flat hand above the ground. (Show height of a little girl.)

Put the two signs together—woman and little—to mean girl.
Had a little lamb

Meaning: This sheep has his horns up to show “alert, eager to look, see.” It is good for the song to show he is eager to follow.

Meaning: Possession.

Bring your fist from in front of your neck, forward and down. This means “holding in your hand.”

Meaning: small/little.

Place tip of right thumb about a half inch behind tip of right index finger and rub thumb to tip of index tip. This shows something small or little.
Meaning: sheep
Sweep hand around the ear in the shape of a mountain sheep horn.

**Its fleece was white as snow**
Meaning: Snow touching sheep could be another way of saying white as snow. Three lines of the snow represents “within” as with three lines or three of anything including three signifies within. Therefore, this sign can mean within the sheep. The sheep has snow touching him to mean snow white.

Meaning: Color
Rub top of hand, then point at color intended (or show snow sign.)

Meaning: Snow
Hold hands up high above your head with fingers down and slightly spread. Move both hands down together in a swirling motion ending at the waist.
Everywhere — land, all

Meaning: Flat land, Valley
Put hands in front of you with palms down. Hands represent the land. Look ahead to where you are viewing the land.

Meaning: All, could mean anything you talk about.
Starting at your right shoulder, move one hand, palm down, in a level circle. This sign should have the full arm extended out and make a big wide circle depending on how big of an “all” you are talking about.

Mary went – footprints going

Meaning: footprints, walk, trail, going.

Meaning: Go, going.
Start with your flat hand pointing down and swing it forward.
Lamb was sure to go — following, content heart

Meaning: Wanting to see what’s ahead, wanting to see something new or unseen, following, to follow a little ways.

Meaning: Follow, following.

Fingers represent people. Use both hands, one hand is following the other. Movement forward can be smooth or bounce like they are walking.

Meaning: Good, happy, content heart, sheep was sure (happy) to go. (means thank you too)

Hold your flat hand, palm down, over your heart. Move it out and to the right. This means “level with the heart.”