

BABY ANIMALS BUMPIN' ABOUT!

Booklist

Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother, Too? - Eric Carle

Baby Signs for Animals - by Linda Acredolo

Heart in the Pocket - Laurence Bourguignon

Mommy, Carry Me Please - Jane Cabrera

Five Little Monkeys - Eileen Christelow

On the Farm - David Elliott

Marvelous Mom's - Joan Holub

Baby Bear, Baby Bear What Do You See? - Bill Martin

Katy No-Pocket - Emmy Payne

Action Wigglers & Games

Play a matching or animal sounds game using pictures on a flannel/velcro board. Show sign language for various baby animals and make the sounds. Talk about names for baby animals (Cat = Kitten; Dog = Puppy; etc...) Sing and play "Five Little Monkeys." Check for CDs such as *Kids and Kitties* by David Landau.

Poetry

BABY ANIMAL NAMES by Stacy Mantle.

<http://www.babyanimalz.com/Poems.php>

Baby cats are called kittens, Baby bears are called cubs

Baby dogs are called puppies, A pigeon's a squab!

A girl horse is a filly, A boy horse is a colt.

A possum's a joey. A chicken's a poult!

A penguin's a fledgling, A reindeer's a fawn.

A turtle is a chicken, It makes no sense at all!

An ant is an antling, A goat is a kid.

A bird is a nestling, A muskrat, a kit!

A kangaroo's Joey, A louse is a nit.

A toad is a tadpole, And a mink is a kit!

An eagle's an eaglet. An eel is a fry.

A fly is a maggot. And a fish is a fry!

And what have we learned From all these words today?

That if you're a boy, Then a boy you'll surely stay!

'I LIKE BABY ANIMALS' SUNG TO "LONDON BRIDGE"

Ancient Mongolian Folk Song (probably 4000 years old) (use sign language)

I like baby animals, Animals, animals.

I like baby animals, I'll name some for you.

Kittens, puppies, chicks and foals, Chicks and foals, chicks and foals.

Kittens, puppies, chicks and foals, I can name some more.

Goslings, ducklings, lambs and calves, Lambs and calves, lambs and calves.

Goslings, ducklings, lambs and calves, I like baby animals.

Dramatic Play or Writing Activity

Use animal puppets as the parent and create stick puppets of baby animals.

Give children baby animal puppets. Have them take turns to approach each adult animal and ask "Are you my mother?" until they find their mother.

The repetition reinforces language and vocabulary development.

Crafts

BABY ANIMALS Make these with clean empty baby food jars with lids. http://www.freekidscrafts.com/baby_food_jar_animals-e596.html



PAPER BAG PUPPETS (patterns can be found at www.enchantedlearning.com).
Make them and then use them to act out a story.

PRINTMAKING *On the Farm* by David Elliott has wonderful pictures made from woodblock prints and watercolor. If you are working with older children and you want to let them create linoleum block prints, this book makes a great example. A less expensive method would be to make potato block prints. Or, just show the book and show a woodblock or linoleum to help children learn more about the many types of art that can make up illustrations in picture books.

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