

# Baby Animals

## FEATURED CONCEPTS

### Letters & Sounds:



### Shape & Color:



### Character Trait:

Fairness



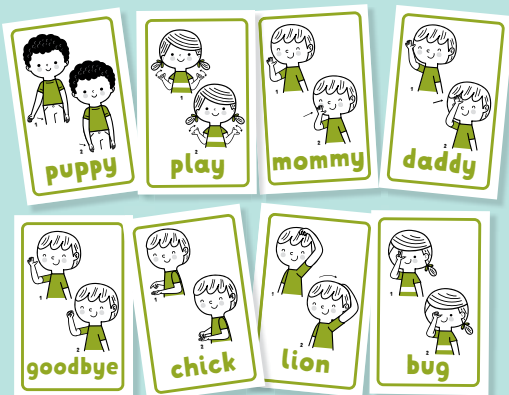
### Yoga Pose:

Tree Pose

### Number:



### Sign Language:



This month, toddlers will discover the wonderful world of Baby Animals! Together we'll explore how animal families care for, protect and nurture their little ones, just like human families do. Through stories, songs and playful discoveries, children will learn that every baby grows best with love, cuddles and care. At home, you can extend this learning by observing animals in books or nature, talking about family routines and celebrating the special ways you care for each other every day.

**Waiting for Babies:** Look at pictures of animal eggs or nests together and talk about how animals (and people!) care for their babies.

**Carrying Babies:** Play pretend by wrapping a stuffed animal in a blanket or scarf, showing how parents carry babies close to keep them safe and loved.

**Keeping Babies Safe:** Build a cozy "home" with pillows or blankets and talk about how families keep each other protected and cared for.

**Growing Babies:** Look at baby and grown-up animal pictures or your child's baby photos to notice how everyone grows and learns new things over time.

With wiggles and giggles and stories anew, we'll grow and explore like baby animals do!



# TOGETHER TIME

## Tea Party Book



WHAT?	HOW?	WHY?
In the story of the week, your child learned that taking turns helps everyone enjoy time together.	Have a family tea party where your child pours "tea" and shares a book with each stuffed animal, practicing kindness and turn-taking together.	Family playtime is a fun way to help children learn how sharing and fairness make everyone feel included and loved.

## Oval Walk



WHAT?	HOW?	WHY?
In the story of the week, your child learned that being kind and making room for everyone helps friends and families play happily together.	Make a pretend "mud puddle" with masking tape. Lie or sit in it together and invite stuffed animals to join so everyone has space to play.	Family play like this helps children understand how kindness and inclusion make friendships happy and strong.

## Baby Animals



WHAT?	HOW?	WHY?
This week, your child learned how baby animals grow and change, just like children do as they get older.	Look at your child's baby pictures together, share memories from those times and invite them to talk about what they notice.	Reflecting on family memories helps children feel loved and connected, building confidence to grow and learn.

## Time to Rhyme



WHAT?	HOW?	WHY?
In this week's story, your child learned about rhyming words and discovered how fun it is to play with sounds in language.	While driving or walking together, choose a word you see, like "tree," and take turns making up silly rhymes with it.	Playing with rhyming words helps children hear and recognize sound patterns, building early language and reading skills.

**READ WITH ME**

**Home**  
by Britta Teckentrup



**Time for Bed**  
by Mem Fox



**Animal Babies**  
by Harry McNaught



**Animals! Here We Grow**  
by Shelley Rotner

