

# ANIMAL BABIES

Babies love babies! This book gives your toddler a chance to see babies with beaks and babies wooly coats!

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Ages: 9 months and up

Pages: 10

Themes: Animal identification; adults providing care

Piglet, lamb, chick, calf, kitten! These are all names for babies and your child can actually relate to them as you read this book. Talk about how the adult animal has a different name than their little one.....cow – calf; cat - kitten.

Throughout this book you see adult animals that can be identified as a parent or caregiver. This gives you an opportunity to talk about how parents provide for their young in different ways. Here are a few things you can talk to your child about:

- Instead of a washcloth, cats clean their babies by licking them;
- Hens and chicks sleep in nests instead of beds;
- Sheep and lambs don't need coats because of the warm wool that they grow and wear. In the spring they get good haircuts to keep them cool during the hot weather;
- Animals love and protect their babies just like people do!