

HAVE YOU SEEN MY DUCKLING?

In this predictable book, a mother duck searches for her adventuresome duckling.

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Everyone, at one time or another, has probably felt a little anxious about either being alone or getting separated from the family, even for a short time. As you read this story with your child, ask them how they think the mother duck feels about now knowing where her duckling is. Then ask them how they think the duckling feels and how they have felt if they've found themselves alone or separated from the group. Be sure to listen to them and let them know that even you have been a little uncomfortable once in a while. Assure them that you are always there for them. Don't dwell on the "scary" part of being apart, so much as how good it was to get back together and that all of the animals in the book helped the mother duck to find her duckling.

A fun activity to follow up reading the book would be to cut out separate pictures of baby animals and their parents. Have your child look at the pictures and match up the babies and their parents. Paste them on to a colored piece of paper and tell the child the correct names of the young animals (a colt instead of a baby horse, calf instead of baby cow).