



Let's Find Out About It

Animal Baby Care

Standard Connection:
 ELA.RI.PK4.9
 ELA.RI.PK4.3
 S.ES.PK4.2b
 S.LS.PK4.2
 PD.SHS.PK4.4

Enduring Understanding(s):

- Living things often depend on each other for shelter and protection.

Essential Question(s):

- How do living things work together to solve problems and accomplish goals?

Materials	Vocabulary	Books
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Rabbits and Raindrops</i> • <i>One Dark Night</i> (optional) • <i>Oonga Boonga/ Crybaby</i> (Unit 1) 	<p>care: protecting someone or something</p> <p>shelter: a safe place to hide or live</p> <p>protect: to keep safe</p>	<p>scruff: the back of an animal's neck</p> <p>nurse: to feed and take care of</p> <p>nudge: to push gently</p>

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Preparation: *Set up materials.*

"In <i>Rabbits and Raindrops</i> and <i>One Dark Night</i> , the mother animals took care of their babies. What do you notice?"	Show illustrations. Children respond.
"The mother rabbit in <i>Rabbits and Raindrops</i> sheltered her babies from the rain under a hedge - she kept them safe." (Optional:) "The mother cat in <i>One Dark Night</i> carried her kittens into Jonathan's house to protect them - keep them safe - from the storm."	Show illustrations.
"Another way mother cats and rabbits care for their babies is to nurse them - feed them - milk from their bodies. They will also lick the babies with their tongues to clean their fur."	Show illustrations.
"Mother cats carry their babies in their mouths. They gently bite the back of the baby's neck - called the scruff - to pick it up. Mother rabbits nudge - gently move - their babies to keep them close by."	Show illustrations.
"People also take care of animals. How did Jonathan take care of the mother cat and her kittens?" (Optional:) "What is similar or different about how the mother rabbit/mother cat in <i>Rabbits and Raindrops/One Dark Night</i> took care of their babies, and how Baby's family took care of her in <i>Crybaby</i> (Baby Louise in <i>Oonga Boonga</i>)?"	Show illustrations. Children respond.