

My First Day

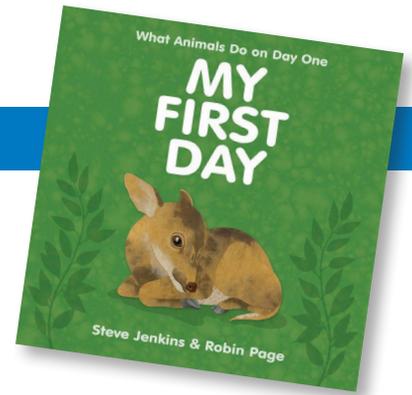
A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

Themes: Animals, Growth and Development, Families

Book Brief: How do newborn animals spend their first day on the planet? Read to find out!

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading: Have any of the children ever been around newborns or very young babies? How good are babies at taking care of themselves? Explain that some animals can live on their own right away, but some animals rely on their families to take care of them while they grow up.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

OTTER NONSENSE (AGES 5-12)

Materials: paper, markers or crayons

Watch this video about an otter mom who finds a creative way to take care of her pup: www.youtube.com/watch?v=o0OyhHeelyo. Baby otters can float but not swim, so their moms have to watch them constantly. Design a playground/water park for baby otters. What kinds of things do otters like to do? What would keep a pup happy and safe while Mom is away? Draw your design and share it with the group.

CUT-PAPER CRITTERS (AGES 5-12)

Materials: construction paper, white paper, scissors, glue, crayons or markers

The illustrations in this book are cut-paper.



Make your own cut-paper picture! Cut out pieces of construction paper and glue them onto white paper in the shape of an animal. Use more paper to give your animal a face. Color in the background with crayons or markers.

MY FIRST DAY (AGES 5-9)

Materials: paper, pencils or pens, markers or crayons

What was your first day of school like? What about your first day in a new city? Your first day as a big brother or sister? Write a story or draw a picture or comic strip about a first day you've experienced. What happened? Were you afraid? Happy? Display your story or picture on a wall or bulletin board.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THESE AUTHORS

Sisters and Brothers (2012)

Time to Sleep (2011)

What Do You Do with a Tail like This? (2008)



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