

### Themes

#### Baby Animals


Animals have babies just like people do! The children will learn how animals care for their young, where baby animals live, what they eat, and how they learn to live on their own. Cuddle up for some fun during this adorable theme

#### I'm Growing!

Children are learning and growing quickly at this age, and each milestone is a step toward independence. Celebrate achievements and focus on what's next for each child's development. This theme helps the children discover why it's great to be big!

#### Alphabet Words

yacht, yak, yarn, yawn, zigzag, zither, zookeeper, zucchini

| Color/Shape   | Letters/<br>Numbers |
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|  | Yy, Zz<br>19, 20    |

### Sign Language



### Learn with Me!

- Purple Tent**

Review the color purple with your child by creating a purple tent. Work together to collect purple sheets, blankets, or towels. Drape them over a table or chairs. Invite your child to lead the activity by choosing where the tent will go and what items to play with inside the tent.

- Sidewalk Chalk Body Tracing**

Help your child compare the sizes of different family members. Choose an area big enough to trace at least your and your child's body shape using sidewalk chalk. Trace your child's shape first and have your child trace your shape (or enlist the help of a friend or another family member). Once your body shapes are traced, use a measuring tape or other tool to measure your shapes. Which one is tallest? Which one is shortest? What other features can your child describe and appreciate about the body shapes?

- My Project: Giraffe Finger Puppet**

When I bring this project home, we can:

- Pretend play with the puppet.
- Observe and count my fingerprints.
- Learn more about giraffes together.



- My Project: Soak up a Picture**

When I bring this project home, we can:

- Talk about the art print.
- Compare the art print with my project.
- Watercolor paper towels or other types of paper and experiment further!



# FAMILY CONNECTION

## Book List

**Pup and Bear**  
by Kate Banks

**Beastly Babies**  
by Ellen Jackson

**Zoe and the Fawn**  
by Catherine Jameson

**Dino Duckling**  
by Alison Murray

**I'm Not Small**  
by Nina Crews

**The Little Blue Cottage**  
by Kelly Jordan

**Hundred Feet Tall**  
by Benjamin Scheuer

**I Can Be Anything!**  
by Jerry Spinelli

## Songs

### Baby Animals

Sung to "Are You Sleeping?"

Baby animals, baby animals,  
Oh so small, oh so sweet.  
They are cute and cuddly.  
My special little buddies.  
Baby animals, oh so sweet.



### All Grown Up

Sung to "Pop! Goes the Weasel"

I make my bed all by myself.  
I brush my teeth and hair.  
I tie my shoes without any help.  
Look, I'm all grown up!

I pick up my toys and clean up my  
room.  
I help with all the laundry.  
I dress myself without any help.  
Look, I'm all grown up!



## Recipe

### Frozen Banana Treats

bananas  
nut butter OR sunflower butter  
blueberries OR chocolate chips

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Slice ripe bananas down the center to create two halves. Spread nut or sunflower butter on the halves. Top with blueberries or chocolate chips. Freeze for up to two hours. Enjoy this cool, healthy, creamy treat on a sunny day outside! Store remaining bananas in an airtight container in the freezer for up to two months.



## Reminders

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