



Alligator Baby

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In this cute story, Kristen's mom gives birth to a new baby but doesn't make it to the hospital and ends up having the baby at the zoo. Overwhelmed with excitement they end up bring home a funny creature to meet Kristen instead of the new baby!

Before:

Introduce *Alligator Baby* by telling the children a little bit about it. Ask questions to gain the children's interest towards the book. Using "I wonder" questions does this best. A good example is. "I wonder why the mom is holding a baby Alligator? Where do you think she got the baby Alligator?"

During:

Take time to observe the illustrations and use them to create questions. Talk about what each of the zoo animals are doing at Kristen's house. Point out words that may appear uncommon to the children and help define them so the child understands.

Rare Words in *Alligator Baby*

Unfortunately: bad luck or unlucky **Jealous:** feeling or showing of envy towards someone

Hospital: a place that provides medical or surgical help for sick or injured

Whiskers: a long projecting hair from face or snout of mammals

Chandelier: a decorative hanging light with branches for several light bulbs or candles

After:

Discuss the story. Ask Questions...

- What animals does Kristen's mother bring home?
- How does Kristen get her baby brother back?
- What happens to the zoo animal babies?
- What does the baby Alligator do to the mother when they remove the blanket? What does the baby seal do? The baby gorilla?



Let's Talk About *Baby Alligator*

In this story Kristen gets a new baby brother after going through some trouble to bring him home. Do you have any siblings? Are they older or younger? Did they get mixed up at the zoo?

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Make a Swamp

Fill a Tupperware up with equal amounts of dirt and water and talk about where alligators live...in swamps. This is a super easy activity and the kids will love getting dirty. Let them find some rocks and grass and add it to the swamp too.



Sing Along

Alligator Pie

Alligator pie, alligator pie.
If I don't get some
I think I'm gonna die (or cry).
Take away the green grass,
Take away the sky.
But don't take away
My alligator pie.

(You can change the words to make different rhymes, such as this.)

Alligator cake, alligator cake.
If I don't get some
I think I'm gonna shake.
Take away the river
Take away the lake.
But don't take away
My alligator cake.



What's inside the kit

- *Five Little Monkey's Swinging in a Tree* Finger Play
- *Five Little Monkey's Jumping on the Bed* Finger Play
- Story Toy Props (Alligator, Seal, & Gorilla)
- Alligator Facts
- Alligator Shape Match
- Alligator Number Count Trace
- Alligator Puzzle
- Alligator Colour Match

