

Babies

Parents' Activity Sheet

Fingerplay/Song 1 Little, 2 Little, 3 Little Babies

Tune: Ten Little Indians

(Hold up fingers as you count. Act out other motions with your hands and fingers as you sing)

1 little, 2 little, 3 little babies, 4 little, 5 little, 6 little babies, 7 little, 8 little, 9 little babies, 10 little babies waving!

(Repeat the first verse, substituting the following actions:)

Jumping Clapping Crying Crawling Sleeping

written by Cherie Nelson

Babies in the Family

Find baby pictures of as many family members as you can—even grandparents! Talk to your child about each picture, telling them who the baby is, how old the baby is now, and what he or she is

doing. Tell family stories about the people in the pictures.

When grandparents or other relatives come to visit, have them tell your children stories about when you were a baby.

Craft All Kinds of Babies

Find pictures in magazines of all kinds of babies and parents—animals, as well as humans. Look for different races and cultures. Help your child cut them out and glue them to construction paper. Talk about the differences and similarities in the babies.

Family Read Aloud Time

The public library has a large number of picture books for babies, as well as ones featuring babies for older

preschoolers. You will also find books to help you answer your preschooler's question, "Where do babies come from?" in a way he or she will understand. Here are a few picture books to share with your preschool child:

Mama, Coming and Going

Judith Caseley **E**

A Teeny, Tiny Baby

Amy Schwartz E

Geraldine's Baby Brother

Holly Keller E

On the Day I Was Born

Deborah Chocolate E

One Up, One Down

Carol Snyder E

When the Teddy Bears Came

Martin Waddell E

Would They Love a Lion?

Kady McDonald Denton E

The Baby Sister

Tomie de Paola E

I'm a Baby You're a Baby

Lisa Kopper E

Twinnies

Eve Bunting E

Henry's Baby

Mary Hoffman E

The Big Book of Beautiful Babies

David Ellwand E

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