

**The Baby Lion & the Baby Cheetah**  
**Animal Babies: Born Wild Series**

**Subject Areas:** Science, Life Science, Language Arts, Social Studies

**Synopsis:** Follows the antics of mischievous lion babies as they play on the African savanna. A second savanna animal, the baby cheetah observes his mother make a speedy kill of a gazelle. The babies fight over their food but most of the time, they play with one another.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Objective 1)** Students will be able to identify and describe the main physical characteristics of lions and cheetahs.
- Objective 2)** Students will be able to describe how the baby animals are cared for by their parents.
- Objective 3)** Students will understand the concept of “family” in the animal and the human world.
- Objective 4)** Students will understand that all animals are defenseless when they are born but that they all learn to survive against predators and support themselves by finding their own sources of food.
- Objective 5)** Students will understand that for animals and for humans, learning is part of growth.
- Objective 6)** Students will understand that all babies grow to become adult members of their species.

**Pre-Viewing Questions and Activities:**

- 1) What animals live in Africa?
- 2) If you were an animal born in Africa, what lessons would you have to learn in order to defend yourself?
- 3) How would you find food?
- 4) Who would teach you how to find food and defend yourself?
- 5) If you were a baby lion, would you have anything to worry about as an offspring of the “King of the Beasts”?

**Vocabulary:** Define and discuss the following key terms:

Exhausted, nursing, predators, prey, protection, groomed, savanna, rambunctious, exemplary, finesse, lioness, hyena, gazelle, instinct

**Post-Viewing Questions and Discussion:**

- 1) How do you know that Johnny, the lion cub, loves climbing?
- 2) What happens when the cubs get caught up in a tree?

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- 3) How does Johnny test his hunting instinct?
- 4) Who looks after the baby lions at night?
- 5) Why does the cheetah family move from their first home?
- 6) What animals do cheetahs hunt?
- 7) How fast are cheetahs?

### **Additional Activities:**

- 1) Write a story about a baby lion who is stuck up a tree.
- 2) Imagine that you are a baby lion stuck up a tree, tell how you will get down.
- 3) Demonstrate how a cheetah runs.
- 4) Write a story telling why you really love your cheetah brothers and sisters although you are always fighting with them.
- 5) On the Internet or in the school media center, find further information about either of these animals. Present the information in an entertaining way to classmates who think there is nothing more to learn about lions or cheetahs.

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