

The Baby Lynx & the Baby Eagle **Animal Babies: Born Wild Series**

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

Synopsis:

In Part 1, Tag, the baby lynx feeds from his mother but sees little of his father. He fights with his lynx cousins learning skills of survival he will need when he is older. Tag has long, strong back legs, which make him a powerful runner and climber. In Part 2, John the baby eagle has been waiting for his mother to return with his reptile supper. When she returns, John almost swallows the snake whole. Several days later, John's baby feathers are replaced with flight feathers and he's off in soaring flight.

Learning Objectives:

- Objective 1)** Students will be able to identify and describe the physical characteristics of lynx and eagles.
- Objective 2)** Students will be able to describe how the parents care for the animal babies.
- 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) Where do baby lynx live? Are they predatory animals?
- 2) Are they strong animals?
- 3) What do you know about short-toed eagles? Are they an endangered species?
- 4) How do they hunt for their food?

Vocabulary: Define and discuss the following key terms:

Reunion, entice, exhausting, litter, felines, valiant, horizon, short-toed eagle, glutton, aviator

Post-Viewing Questions and Discussion:

- 1) What role did Tag's father play in raising and protecting the baby lynx?
- 2) Why was Tag constantly fighting with his cousins?
- 3) What physical characteristics made Tag a powerful runner and climber?

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- 4) Why are baby short-toed eagles left alone for so many hours during the day?
- 5) What do baby eagles eat?
- 6) Why can't baby eagles fly at first?

Additional Activities:

- 1) Write a story about a young lynx and his adventures on the first day he tries out his strong back legs in running and tree climbing.
- 2) Investigate the predatory habits of lynx. What animals do they stalk and why do they stalk them?
- 3) You are a baby eagle who has been left alone in your nest all day. Tell how you feel and what you are thinking.
- 4) You are a young eagle on your first flight. Tell how it feels to soar through the air and your thoughts about your future, now that you can fly.
- 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 lynx or short-toed eagles.

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