

The Baby European Elk & the Baby Wild Boar
Animal Babies: Born Wild Series

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

Synopsis:

In Part 1, twin baby elks learn to hike and grow quickly from the richness of their mother's milk. A mother boar gives birth to several babies who nurse and soon go to sleep in their camouflaged striped coats. Almost right away, the baby boars sniff out berries below forest covers and participate in a mud bath.

Learning Objectives:

- Objective 1)** Students will be able to identify and describe the physical characteristics of elk and wild boars.
- 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) What is another name for a European elk?
- 2) Are elk strong animals?
- 3) Are wild boars vicious animals?
- 4) How many babies do wild boars have in each litter?

Vocabulary: Define and discuss the following key terms:

Sweden, moose, stilts, outing, relieve, stag, glutton, scurrying, suckling, camouflage, blending, stealthily, bullying, snorting, snout, wallows

Post-Viewing Questions and Discussion:

- 1) What is the first lesson a baby elk must learn?
- 2) When they are babies, what food do baby elks eat?
- 3) What food do they eat when they are older?
- 4) Describe the fur coats of baby wild boars.

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- 5) How quickly do baby boars learn to hunt for their own food?
- 6) What food do baby wild boars eat?

Additional Activities:

- 1) Write a story about a young European elk who is having trouble walking and keeping up with his mother.
- 2) You are a defenseless baby wild boar. Tell why you are not worried about becoming the meal of a predatory animal.
- 3) You are a baby wild boar. Tell how you find food and what kind of food you like to eat.
- 4) 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 European elk or wild boars.

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