

**The Baby Lemur & the Baby Koala**  
**Animal Babies: Born Wild Series**

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

**Synopsis:** Live-action film footage shows that lemurs live in large groups and have adapted to living in tree habitats by developing spectacular leaps that the babies must learn. Contrasts these animals with koalas that also live in trees, but in small families that sleep a large part of the day and move slowly. Helps young viewers understand that wild animal babies must learn quickly with little help from their parents.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Objective 1)** Students will be able to describe the habits and behavior of lemurs and koalas.
- Objective 2)** Students will be able to contrast the behavior learned by baby lemurs with the behavior learned by baby koalas.
- Objective 3)** Students will be able to compare and contrast the habitats of lemurs and koalas.
- Objective 4)** Students will add some new words to their vocabularies.

**Words To Learn:**

lemur, scurry, feat, volunteer, muddle, stomach, pouch, koala, snoozing, siesta, odor, complicated, solution, rhythm, habitat, adapt

**Pre-Viewing Questions and Activities:**

- 1) What is a lemur? Where do lemurs live? How do the babies learn to survive in their forest homes?
- 2) What is a koala? Where do koalas live? How do the babies learn to survive in their forest homes?

**Post-Viewing Questions and Discussion:**

- 1) Which animal would you rather be, a lemur or a koala bear? Why?
- 2) Describe the habitat of the baby lemur. How is it different from the habitat of the baby koala?
- 3) As it is growing up, which animal receives more help from its parents? From its community?
- 4) How does each animal learn to survive in its forest home?

**Additional Activities:**

- 1) Visit the library media center to discover other animals that live in trees. How do their parents raise these animals? What lessons do the baby animals have to learn in order to survive in their forest homes?
- 2) Pretend that you are a baby lemur or a baby koala. Describe a forest adventure you have as you learn to adapt to your forest home.

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- 3) Pretend that you are a teenaged lemur or koala. What advice about growing up can you give your younger brother or sister?
- 4) Describe a baby animal that lives in a habitat completely different from that of a baby lemur or koala. What lesson does this baby animal learn about living in its unique habitat?

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