

The Baby Baboon & the Baby Orangutan
Animal Babies: Born Wild Series

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

Synopsis:

In Segment 1, Bob, the baby baboon is introduced to his family tribe. Every member of the group grooms the new youngster and protects him from predators and accidents. In Segment 2, Harry, the baby orangutan, observes every move his mother makes and finally tries climbing trees by himself. Later, he learns to make a nest, climb trees with agility and find foods to eat.

Learning Objectives:

- Objective 1)** Students will be able to identify and describe the physical characteristics of baboons and orangutans.
- 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 do you know about baby baboons? How are they born; where do they live; etc
- 2) How do baboons differ from orangutans? Which animal is bigger?
- 3) Where do orangutans sleep at night?

Vocabulary: Define and discuss the following key terms:

Savanna, colony, tribe, predators, lugged, wrestling, flee, suckling, likewise, climbers, tackle, expedition, construction, imitate, lend a hand, waterproof

Post-Viewing Questions and Discussion:

- 1) Are baboons solitary animals or do they live in social groups?
- 2) How did the members of the tribe say hello to the new baby?

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- 3) What animals are enemies of the baboon?
- 4) Describe the habitat of baboons and orangutans.
- 5) What lessons does a baby orangutan learn from its mother?
- 6) What is the most important lesson a baby orangutan learns?

Additional Activities:

- 1) Write a story that illustrates how a baby baboon is protected by a member or members of his family group.
- 2) Pretend it is one year later. Tell what the baby baboon has learned about protecting himself from predators.
- 3) Do library or Internet research and make a list of the natural enemies of baboons or orangutans.
- 4) Write a brief story that explains how a baby orangutan learns to build a nest.
- 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 baboons or orangutans.

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