

The Baby Hyena & the Baby Zebra
Animal Babies: Born Wild Series

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

Synopsis:

Rosie, a baby hyena, is cared for by members of the pack, as her mother goes hunting. When the hungry Rosie leaves to find her mother, she is hauled back to the pack just like a mother cat carries her kittens. In Part 2, a newborn zebra is groomed just after birth and learns to balance himself on wobbly legs. He also learns to recognize his mother by the pattern of her stripes and by her scent. After rolling in the dust, he runs with the pack to escape a hyena predator.

Learning Objectives:

- Objective 1)** Students will be able to identify and describe the physical characteristics of hyenas and zebras.
- 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 hyenas and how they are cared for by their mothers?
- 2) Are baby zebras able to walk as soon as they are born?
- 3) How does a baby zebra learn to recognize her mother?
- 4) What do zebras eat?

Vocabulary: Define and discuss the following key terms:

Den, reputation, caring, unattractive, suckle, affection, forbidden, wildebeest, impressed, guinea fowl, savanna, grasslands, spindly, graceful, stroll, acrobat, champion, contour, cranes (birds), technique, concentrate, herbivore, hyena, excitement

Post-Viewing Questions and Discussion:

- 1) Who looks after baby hyenas?
- 2) How do mother hyenas carry their babies?

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- 3) What is the first thing a mother zebra does when her baby is born?
- 4) How does a baby zebra learn to recognize his mother?
- 5) What animal is a predator of zebra herds?

Additional Activities:

- 1) Write a story that illustrates how a mother hyena feels when she leaves her baby with the other members of the pack. What does she worry about and why does she leave her baby?
- 2) Write a story about a baby hyena that runs away from the pack and is forced to evade a predator.
- 3) Write a story about a baby zebra that loses and then finds his mother.
- 4) Investigate the natural predators of hyenas and zebras.
- 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 hyenas or zebras.

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