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# RAINFOREST BABIES

Leveled Reader



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A photograph of a lemur mother and her baby. The mother is in the foreground, facing left, with a white face and chest and a dark brown body. The baby is clinging to her back, also facing left, with a white face and chest and a dark brown body. The background is a blurred natural setting.

This lemur mom carries her baby on her back. The baby goes with the mom to look for food.



Mom and baby swing through the trees  
eating leaves, fruit and seeds.



The baby monkey is drinking milk from his mother. He cannot eat food yet.



The mother takes care of her baby until he can take care of himself.



The baby orangutan stays with her mother for eight years. She is safe with her mom.



She learns about the forest from her mother.  
She will not get lost.



This gorilla mom carries her baby in her arms.  
When it is five months old it will ride on her back.



They live in family groups called troops. Baby gorillas learn by watching the older gorillas.

A baby monkey with greyish-brown fur and a tuft of hair on its head is sitting on a dark, textured rock. The monkey is looking towards the left of the frame. The background is a lush, green forest with various leaves and branches, some in focus and some blurred.

The baby animals have a lot to learn.



They learn to find food.



They learn to build nests in the tree to sleep.



They learn to get along with other animals.

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Correlations

First Grade

High frequency words a, for, have, he, her, his, in, is, mother, on, she,  
they, to, with

Story words gorilla, lemur, monkey, orangutan, troop

Reading Recovery 9

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Guided Reading F

First Grade Science Standards 1-LS1-2, LS1.B

Guiding questions:

- The animals in this book take care of their babies.  
What are some of the things the parents do?
- Can you think of other things the parents might do for the babies?
- Why do parents take care of their young?
- How do your parents take care of you?

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