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Activity Sheet



Is Your Mama A Llama?

by Deborah Guarino, illustrated by Steven Kellogg

Whimsically rhyming riddles help Lloyd the baby llama guess what kind of animal everyone's mama is.

Before you read this book, tell your children that today you are going to read a book which has "story puzzles." A story puzzle is a riddle hidden in a story. Have them look for clues given in the story to help solve the puzzle.

While you read this book, pause before turning the pages where the answers are found. Ask your children to "predict" what they think the answer might be.

Reading Tip: Build background knowledge. Let your children examine the cover of the book. "What do you think this story is about?"

After you read this book, talk about the clues in the book. Go back through the book and look for clues that helped them solve the riddle. Help them understand that the answers rhyme with the last clue. Re-read the book and pause to let the kids fill in the rhyming clues.

Visit a zoo or llama farm to see a real llama, along with other interesting animals there.

At home, work together to draw a picture of your children and a special grown-up in the children's lives.

Check out these books

Look for more animal fun with, *If I Were A Penguin*, by Heidi Goennel.

Find more family and home fun with, *Under the Moon*, by Joanne Ryder.

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