

# Jimmy the Joey

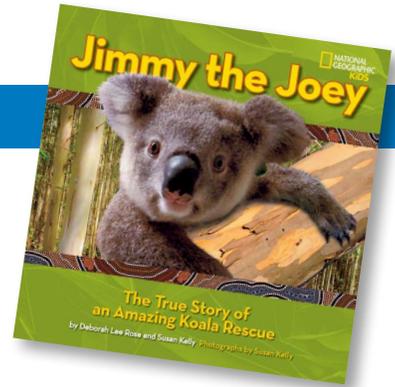
## A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

**Themes:** Animals, Australia, Rescue, Caregiving, Survival

**Book Brief:** After an accident in which he is separated from his mother, Jimmy is rescued and taken to Koala Hospital. While at the hospital, Jimmy learns skills that will help him live on his own in the wild.

**Authors:** Deborah Lee Rose and Susan Kelly

**Photographer:** Susan Kelly



## TIME TO READ!



**Before reading, make connections:** What is a “joey”? What do you know about koalas? Does the koala on the cover remind you of any other animals?

**While reading, ask**

**questions:** Why is it important for the baby koala to be rescued? What kind of training do you think Barb

needed to take care of Jimmy? What do you think the author means by “protected forest area”?

**After reading, summarize the story:**

- ◆ What were the main events in the book?
- ◆ How would you retell Jimmy’s story to someone else?
- ◆ Who would you like to tell about Jimmy?

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### KOALA KRUNCHIES

Ingredients: 1 bunch of fresh kale, olive oil, salt, pepper

Koalas eat nothing but leaves—lots of leaves. Pretend you’re a koala. Here’s a great way to eat your “leaves” without having to climb a tree! Cut or tear fresh kale into bite-sized pieces. Place in a bowl and add a little olive oil; salt and pepper to taste. Spread on a baking sheet and cook at 350 degrees for 15 minutes.

### CLAY CREATIONS

Use this easy clay recipe for the following activities.

Ingredients: 2 cups salt, 2/3 cup water, 1 cup cornstarch, 1/2 cup cold water

Directions: Stir salt and 2/3 cup water in a pot over medium heat for 5 minutes. Remove from heat; add cornstarch and 1/2 cup cold water. Stir until smooth.

Return to heat and cook until thick. Let cool.

### MAP IT OUT!

Using the map in the book, make a model map of Australia out of clay. Let it dry, then use markers or paint to draw the borders of each of Australia’s territories. Use a separate color to show where most koalas are found. Mark the Koala Hospital from the story on your map.

### CREATE A KOALA

Use clay to mold your own baby koala! Use the pictures from the book to help you decide on the different shapes you should use to make your koala.



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### OTHER BOOKS BY DEBORAH LEE ROSE

*The Spelling Bee Before Recess* (2013)

*The Twelve Days of Winter: A School Counting Book* (2006)

*Ocean Babies* (2005)



Reading Is Fundamental