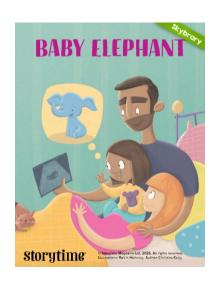
Read Aloud Guide for Families





Baby Elephant

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Themes: Family, Imagination, New Siblings,

Humor

Book Brief: A humorous story about Tilly, who gets confused when her mom says she has a baby in her belly and prepares for a very

unexpected arrival!

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

 Ask, "Do you have a younger sibling or know someone who does? What do you think babies need?"

While Reading: Make Connections

- What does Tilly think is in her mom's belly? What makes her think this?
- How does Tilly prepare for the baby? What does she do to get ready?
- What surprise does Tilly get when her mom comes home? How does she react?

After Reading: Ask Questions

 Ask, "What did Tilly expect? What actually happened? How did Tilly feel about the real surprise?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Play "Silly Mix-Ups." Take turns imagining funny mix-ups like Tilly's (like thinking a pet store delivers pizzas or that books come from trees). Talk about what you expected versus what would really happen. Celebrate being surprised, just like Tilly was happily surprised by her twin siblings!
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