

# Lucky Ducklings

## A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

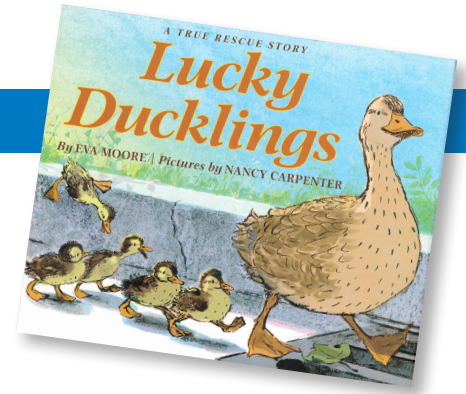
**Themes:** Community Helpers, Habitats, Animals

**Book Brief:** When a duck takes her ducklings for a walk, the last thing she expects is for them to fall down a storm drain! Read this true story of how a community works together to rescue

five trapped ducklings.

**Author:**  
Eva Moore

**Illustrator:**  
Nancy Carpenter



## TIME TO READ!

**Before reading, make predictions:** What do you think happens to the ducklings in this story? Who will rescue them?

**After reading, ask questions:**

- ◆ Is it good for ducks to eat scraps from the garbage?
- ◆ Do you think the ducks falling through the grate was a real emergency? Why or why not?
- ◆ Why did they put the ducklings in a bucket of water?
- ◆ What would have happened if Perry hadn't had the truck cable?

**While reading, make connections:** Have you ever seen baby ducks following a big duck? Have you ever been scared walking over a storm grate? Did you think you might fall through? Why?

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### STRANGER THAN FICTION

Materials: construction paper or cardstock, paper, pen, crayons or markers

Write your own book based on a true story! Think of something interesting that happened to you or someone you know, or that you heard about in the news. Turn the story into a book or comic book. Draw a picture to go with every page. Use construction paper or cardstock to make a front and back cover. Staple your book together along the side, or punch holes and tie it together with string.

### COMMUNITY HELPERS

Materials: pipe cleaners, oat cereal O's

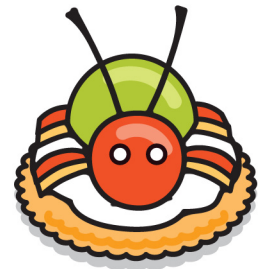
The ducklings got help from several people in their community. Help out the birds that live near you! String oat cereal O's onto pipe cleaners; twist the

pipe cleaners into fun shapes like hearts, spirals, or stars. Hang the bird feeders in your yard or a nearby park.

### QUACKER SNACKER

Ingredients: round crackers, cream cheese, fruits and vegetables (apples, grapes, olives, cherry tomatoes, etc.)

Did you know ducks eat insects? Use whatever fruits and vegetables you have to make some "buggy" duck bites. Spread cream cheese on a cracker for a base. Cut fruits and veggies into small pieces. Create insects you think a duck would like to eat or create your own insect. When finished, enjoy your edible insect!



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### OTHER BOOKS ABOUT ADVENTUROUS DUCKS

*Little Quack*, Lauren Thompson (2005)  
*Make Way for Ducklings*, Robert McClosky (1941)  
*The Story about Ping*, Marjorie Flack (1933)

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